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Lunch break: French drivers preparing for a picnic between a line of lorries blocking the Paris-Lille highway near Senlis yesterday

# **BR** losses soar

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British Rail lost £144.7 million in the last financial year, 15 times the loss for 1990-1, with only inter-City and the freight business reporting a profit. The losses, announced two weeks before the publication of the privatisation white paper, come in spite of a £300 million increase in government subsidy.

The poor figures have been attributed to the re-cession, the slump in the property market and the cost of preparing for the Channel tunnel ..... Page 4

### EFA rescue

The General Electric Company has approached the Ministry of Defence about linking with British Aerospace to offer a privatesector solution for the future of the £22 billion European Letters, page 15

# Whales blow

France has withdrawn a proposal for a whale sancmary in the Antarctic fearing that debate on the idea would cause deep divisions in the International Whaling Commission, meeting in Glasgow..... Page 3

### Rabin setback

Two key smaller parties Yitzhak Rabin had hoped to include in his Israeli coalition government, dealt his plans a blow by rejecting a Labour policy document for a future administration ..... Page 13

### Holiday war

Thomson has almost halved the price of packages to Tobago during July and August and to Kenya in what is seen as the first shot in a peak-period holi-day price war. Caribbean breaks are cut from £829 to ES99, and African beach holidays from £605 to Page 3

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# Elated Mayhew hails Ulster breakthrough

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time since partition, leaders of all unionist groups have agreed to enter talks on the constitution of Northem Ireland with the Irish government -

The negotiations could be gin as early as next week in London. The development, which follows recent preliminary meetings in the later stages of the government's two and a half-year initiative on Northern Ireland, must greatly enhance the chances of a new of government for the province.

The key to yesterday's progress lies in assurances given to unionists by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, that the gov-ernment broadly accepts their position on devolution and will support their case in talks with Dublin. This is the

THE first batch of British

humanitarian aid for Saraje-

vo is due to leave on a Hercu-

les transport aircraft from

RAF Lyncham in Wiltshire this morning.

The Hercules will fly to Zagreb where the food will be

unloaded and stored. The air-

craft is then expected to pick up loading equipment like forklifts which it will take on

The announcement about

the British flight came as 125

French Marines arrived at

the airport in Sarajevo to

assist the small number of

French troops there who are

presently trying to secure the

airport. Local residents en-

joyed the first fruits of the aid

operation when cans of tuna

fish and tomato soup were

to Sarajevo.

first time during the process that the government has made its views known on this important issue and comes against the background of government determination to Sir Patrick was clearly elat-ed when he was able to brie

journalists outside Stormont about the decision. "I think the important part is that the party leaders have all agreed - no dissenters - to the transition to strand two which I have announced," Sir Patrick said. "It was left to me to decide when the appropriate moment had arrived and I was able to do so with their agreement, so that is very

good news." The Irish government greeted what it called "this crucial development" with unconcealed pleasure. David Andrews, the foreign minister, said in a statement that

RAF to launch British food

haul for Sarajevo today

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent, and Tim Judah in belgrade

distributed. But 840 Canadi-

an peacekeepers, heading for

Sarajevo along a mountain-

ous route from Croatia, were

held up as they tried to pass through disputed territory.

airport, the arrival of mercy flights and distribution of

food and medicine provided

the first relief for the besieged

citizens of the Bosnian capital

who have been victims of a four-month-old civil war.

The British decision to send

the aid on to Zagreb was

taken because the airport in the Croatian capital has bet-

ter handling and warehouse

facilities. Facilities at Saraje-

vo airport, which is now offi-

cially under United Nations

Britain has placed four

The tentative control of the

he looked forward to working "actively and constructively in the negotiations, "with a view to ensuring the decisive contribution which strand two must make to the outcome of the talks process as a

Downing Street said: "The prime minister warmly welcomes the progress made and the move to strands two and three of the talks." The reaction of the two

significance of the move, namely that until now only good intentions about strand two have been in evidence, but there have been no firm commisments. Any of the parties, particularly on the unionist side, could have stalled or even dropped out of the process faced with the prospect of finally dealing with Dublin across the table.

Hercules planes at the dispos-al of the UN. The aircraft are

expected to operate a shuttle

from Lyneham to Zagreb and

then on to Sarajevo. The

planes will be under the con-

trol of the United Nations

throughout the operation.

Today's flight, due to leave at

7am, will carry food but later

shuttles will also include med-

About two dozen RAF per-

sonnel will accompany the flight to help with unloading

the cargo at the other end.

The government has made it

clear that ground troops will

not be involved in the hu-

Yesterday, President Bush

Snipers braved, page 11

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manitarian mission.

ical cargo.

the unionists, the British government and the Alliance party on the one hand, and the Irish government and the nationalist SDLP on the other. In the past James Molyneaux and Ian Paisley, the peatedly emphasised their reluctance to move into this phase until an outline agreement had been reached in the

This is, however, now almost

certainly out of the question.

The strand two talks in-

volve negotiations between

exclusively inter-party strand one negotiations. Unionists and the SDLP are still thought to be at odds over the best way to govern the Province; the unionists prefer a traditional assembly and a committee system, but the SDLP has proposed an innovative commission, based on the European Community model, to run Northern Ireland

One decisive element were the recent preliminary meetings in strand two and strand three - the latter involving negotiations between the two governments - which were held in London last Tuesday. These have had the effect of helping to break down the suspicions unionists feel about talking to Irish ministers. The strand three meeting has also helped reassure them that articles two and three 3 of the Irish constitution, which claim sovereignty over Northern Ireland, will be on the table for discussion One report last night said that the unionists would expect Sir Patrick to commit himself formally to persuade the irish government to give

up its claim. One further feature which may have weighed decisively is the governing principle of the process that nothing can be finally agreed in any individual strand until everything is agreed in the talks as a

New regiment, page 18

# **EC** treaty may not be ratified this year

BY ROBIN CARTE

JOHN Major conceded yesterday that milication of the Maastrichtgireasy might be delayed until ment year, "It would be districted finish it by the end of the year but it is not essential," the said.

The prime minister told ess conference no launch the British presidency of the European Community that it was not clear when the position shelved after the Danishide jection of Maastricht, would come back to the Commons The Danish government had to be given time to decide how to deal with its difficulty. The government would "take stock again" when the Commons resumed in the aunumn.

The press conference came after a meeting at Downing Street yesterday between the full 17-member European Commission and their covering British ministers and a working session between Mr Major and Jacques Delors. the Commission president. Government sources said they agreed that, in spite of all the difficulties inherited by the British presidency, there were no matters which could not be resolved. However, since no serious talking has taken place about fixing the new EC budget and with disputes about the location of European institutions unresolved after last weekend's Lisbon summit. MPs believed that view was optimistic.

M Delors emphasised that the Commission and the British presidency were "on the same side, with the same purpose". That was enough, some thought, to redcuble Mr Major's problems with

Tory rebels.
Although the Lisbon summit decided that there could be no official EC enlargement talks until the Community's Continued on page 18, col 1

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# Thousands stranded as French protesters jam roads

By TIM JONES

THOUSANDS of British holidaymakers were last night stranded in France by protesting long drivers and farmers who have brought

large areas to a standstill.

French police, apparently heipless in the face of the action, have said that British drivers should avoid travel-ling to the country. The AA also advised people to delay heir holiday plans. A spokes-woman said: "It's spreading fast across the country. People might hit trouble as soon as they get off the ferries. keep up with it." She said the situation was changing all the time as the lony drivers moved from one spot to

On one packed coach from South Wales, which has been stuck on a motorway near Fontainebleau, 40 miles south of Paris since Monday. there has been concern about two babies as temperatures have reached more than 100°F. Many of the adults on the eserta, which was on its way to bain, have been re-duced towars while some of the set children on board beome withdrawn.

with he blockades comfrench notorists setting off for mouth-long holidays. Jean-Louis Bianco, the transport minster, accused the lor-ry drives of holding the French people to ransom. More than 100 major motorways and roads throughout France were blocked by the drivers who seemed impervious to the seething resent-

ment surrounding them. The drivers are protesting against a new licence system that means motorists begin with six points and can lose their licences by accumulating penalties for traffic

paigning against proposed changes to the European agricultural policy blocked toads with their tractors.

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Juge queues built up outline Paris and around the
bootstein city of Lille and the
bootstein city of Lille and the
bootstein city of Lyon. The
Toulines and Bordeaux areas
were particularly badly affected.

Thousands of lorries
blocked the A- "Autoroute
du Sud", the main toll highway from Paris lo Marseilles.

Roads leading from major
channel ports were also
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Even top British architects are belt tightening: many are out of work Life & Times Page i

**JUMPING OFF A CLIFF** 



Even the seriously unfit need not fear the prospect of an adventure holiday Life & Times Page 7

STAYING IN CONTROL



Lech Walesa, who wants to join the EC. insists Poland is not in crisis Page II

# Why Do You Have A **Poor Memory?**

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# Anyone for grunting — it's the secret of Seles

BY JOHN GOODBODY

OLYMPIC weightlifters do it. Shot putters do it. Judo and karate fighters do it. Even Jimmy Connors does it. Why then, cannot Monica Seles grunt her way to victory at Wimbledon?

Seles was warned by the umpire for

her match against Nathalie Tauziat on Tuesday, and Martina Navratilova her semi-final opponent today — finds the noise distracting and unnecessary.

But some sports scientists say a fierce expulsion of breath is perfectly natural and point to the intensity of Seles's play. In Japanese martial arts, fighters are taught the benefits of the Kiai — the shout they utter as they strike or throw an opponent. It concentrates all the an opponent. It concentrates all the individual's force of the movement. Dr Sarah Rowell, sport science officer of the National Coaching Foundation and formerly one of Britain's leading marathon runners, said: "Even 1 expel

Michael Stich, the defending champion, and Stefan Edberg, the second seed, lost in the men's singles quarter-finals yesterday. Pete Sampras, of USA, beat Stich 6-3. 6-2. 6-4 and Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, beat Edberg 6-7, 7-5, 6-1, Reports, pages 33-34

air through my mouth and make some noise when I lift the small weights I use. It is a natural thing to do. The whole idea of exhaling forcibly when you make an effort is accepted psychologically. It has been commonplace for many sports for years and has made a natural progression into tennis."

Dr Stuart Biddle, senior lecturer in physical education at Exeter University. agrees. "It helps in various ways. Grunting is part of a psychological strategy. an expression of the tremendous intensity of top class sport. It also tenses the

stomach muscles so stabilising the body and the postural muscles. This helps you to hit the hall from a firm base." Andrew Jarrett, Britain's Federation

Cup coach, said that making a noise while exhaling on contact was certainly worth trying with younger players.
"However, it is not something I would like to encourage to excess. It should certainly be done for the individual's own benefit rather than to the detriment of an opponent."

Shouting at an opponent has always been used for intimidation in war, and some tennis players feel that the grunting has become intimidatory at play as well. What the umpire on centre court has to decide today is whether any noise that Seles, who insists that she is trying to rid herself of the habit, makes is deliberately hindering Navratilova. If he does, he has the option of warning Seles and could technically disqualify

Advantage Seles 

NEWS IN BRIEF

# French drop proposal for **Antarctic** whale refuge

A FRENCH proposal to have the Antarctic ocean below the fortieth parallel declared a sanctuary for whales has been withdrawn from the agenda of the International Whaling Commission in Glasgow.

More than half the 29 nations at the conference had indicated that they would support the proposal but Japan has mustered enough support from smaller nations, notably four Caribbean countries, to ensure that the plan would not receive the necessary 75 per cent of the vote. Amid accusations over Ja-

pan's tactics. France decided to submit the plan next year rather than see it rejected now. The French former environment minister Brice Lalonde, who drew up the proposal with the support of Britain and the European Community, said: "Science has shown that the only way to protect a species is to give it a sanctuary from man."

The commission is to meet in Japan next year. If the motion is to stand any chance of acceptance there, its supporters will have to persuade more of the 37 member nations of the commission to take part in discussions.

The Glasgow conference is being attended by 29 nations. St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Dominica are supporting the traditional pro-whaling nations such as Japan, Norway

Officially the reason for the sanctuary motion being with-drawn is that scientific officers need more time to examine the implications. Environmental groups believe that a row over allegations that the Japanese are influencing voting among Caribbean countries in their favour may have deterred the French from the risk of losing

A Greenpeace spokesman said: "It is very sad news. The whales need protection and if commercial whaling is allowed to resume, what hope is there left for these animals without a sanctuary?

Richard Moore, executive director of the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said: "We hoped that the sanctuary would be set up this year to stave off the wholesale slaughter of whales that some nations seem bent on

achieving."
The animal welfare fund's scientific adviser, Dr Sidney Holt, said that "the vast majority of countries have expressed their desire for a sanctuary and want to keep the ban on whaling. To defer the decision for a year gives this humane majority the opportunity to rally their

The pro-whaling nations are likely to win a more con-crete victory today when the commission debates a report by its scientists that stocks of certain whales have risen to such levels since a moratorium on whaling was declared in 1986 that hunting for some species could be resumed on a controlled apporta port could mean that Is been would be given a odds as minke whales to hun on worth the 760,000 estimate du 's'e in the southern oceans, amiq Norway and Iceland given: permission to hunt for some of the 150,000 in the North-L Atlantic. Norway has already said that it intends to resumen whaling next year.

☐ Norway's defence minister, Johan Jorgen Host, said that its coastguard will defend the country's whaling ships from high-seas attacks by environmentalists during next spring's hunt.



Birthday visit: The Princess of Wales trying out a shoulder press at an orthopaedic hospital in Stanmore, northwest London. To celebrate her 31st birthday she was given cards, flowers and a model court jester

# Britain hopeful of German role in fighter aircraft

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SRITISH officials involved in the four-nation European Flythers Aircraft programme are Ropeful that Germany may still remain a partner after discussions with Britain, Italy and Spain due over the next three months.

Germany is mompelled by the four-nation agreement to hold consultation after three months belong a full withdrawed to make the production stage of the programme. Their instance be a further three smooths before with-drivial cases into effect. ti Lauthat time. Britain and hier two other partners will try to convince Germany that the "telesaper, lighter", EFA pro-posed by Volker Ruhe, the German defence minister, is impractical. The latest view emerging from British officials is that two types of EFA could be built: a fully capable

version with all the latest avi-

onics and a more basic model

with the same airframe but

less advanced systems. Germany started to go down this path some time ago when a decision was taken not to fit a special defensive aids system to the Germany EFA.

British officials believe that Germany has already pared down almost as far as it can but there may still be scope for producing an even more basic version. Under Herr Ruhe's proposal, a lighter ver-sion of EFA would have to be re-designed and British offici-als-claim this will mean a more expensive aircraft, delivered five to eight years later

Herr Ruhe has said that EFA technology could be used to produce this new, lighter aircraft. One senior British official likened this more advanced Land-Rover. producing 12 prototypes and then trying to use the same technology to build a Metro instead. The officials believe

that once the Germans have examined all the alternatives, they will be forced to come back to EFA, and even though the German parliament has voted to exclude from next year's budget the DM 100 million needed for the next phase of the programme, this could be

changed at a later stage. The RAF emphasised yes terday that in the 1950s Britain had 12 different aircraft performing all the necessary functions such as air defence and ground attack. Once EFA had come into service in the late 1990s, there would be only three: EFA, the Harrier

and the Tornado GR1. Herr Ruhe is due in London on Monday to talk with Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, and his officials about Germany's decision to withdraw from EFA.

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# LSE wins more time to bid

By Douglas Broom, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to convert County Hall, the former home of the Greater London Council. into a new base for the London School of Economics were boosted yesterday by a decision to allow the school more time to rally financial support for its proposal.

The London Residuary Body, which has the job of finding a buyer for the Grade II listed building opposite the Houses of Parliament, has signed a sale contract with the Japanese hotel and leisure group Shirayama. Ministers insisted that the contract should include a break clause which allows the residuary body to withdraw it if an alternative buyer emerges before the end of the year.

John Ashworth, director of the LSE, said yesterday that the residuary body had agreed to give him until Friday of next week to produce evidence of financial support for the school's plan to buy County Hall. Although no figures have been officially released, the value of the Shirayama bid is rumoured to be £60 million. Earlier this year the LSE said it would be willing to offer £20 million.

Shirayama's bid covers



Ashworth: plans for a

and does not include three office blocks behind it. The LSE plans to use the entire site housing its teaching and research activities in the riverside building and converting the office blocks into a "social science park".

Professor Ashworth said commercial and City consul-tancies and research institutions had expressed considerable interest in taking space in the new park which would be the social science equiva-

lent of science parks established by other universities. He refused to name the price the school would be prepared to offer for the whole site. He said that a commercial figure would be agreed for the office buildings while the LSE still hoped that the government would agree to lease it the main building in return for a commitment to refurbish it at no cost to the

# home faces demolition

ASHAM House, a listed building once home to Virginia Woolf and inspiration for her short story The Haunted House, faces demolition after local councillors agreed yesterday that the waste tip encircling it should be enlarged.

East Sussex councillors described the decision as "regrettable but necessary". The house, which dates from the early nineteenth century and has a grade-II listing, is to be pulled down to make way for an extension to the neigh-bouring landfill site that

once beautiful gardens out of the line of the proposed

could have been saved." The Woolfs first moved to Asham in 1912 before moving to neighbouring Monk's House, now a National Trust property, seven years later. It was sold in the 1930s to a cement-making factory, and Mr Bell describes in his biography of his aunt how she was saddened by the result. " ... blotted out of sight by vast corrugated iron sheds, the valley... coated with toxic white dust, the air ... made nauseous, the grass ... foul."

# Literary

By LOUISE HIDALGO

serves much of the county. The fate of Asham, which once enjoyed views across the South Downs and where Virginia Woolf escaped to recovhas been debated for more than a year. Quentin Bell, her nephew and biographer who still lives in the area, has been in discussion with the property's present owners. Blue Circle, about a £500,000 plan to rebuild it using the original material and to restore its

The county council, however, decided yesterday that the house, which has been boarded up for several years was a "shadow of its former self' and that the money would be better spent restoring a nineteenth-century flint barn near by. Mr Bell described the decision, which has to be ratified by the district council, as a tragedy. "It will be a loss to the public of a very beautiful facade that

'Shunned' teenager to sue police A teenager who spent two months in custody before a murder charge against him was dropped is to sue the police

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murder charge against him was dropped is to sue the police for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution (Paul Wilkinson writes). His High Court action, believed to be the first by a person accused of such a crime, is a demand for trial by jury to prove his innocence, his lawyer said yesterday. Alvin White, now 18, says that the police action two years ago led to him being shunned by people in his home city of Sunderland. He says he has been beaten and taunted since his release after Northumbria police devided not to proceed his release after Northumbria police decided not to proceed with the prosecution. Mr White, who is unemployed, was arrested in 1990 and accused of the murder of Simon Martin, 14, a runaway who had attended the same school. He was found bludgeomed to death in a derelict seafront

house used by glue-suiffers.

Because he was a juvenile, Mr White was not named publicly when he appeared before juvenile magistrates on remand, but his identity leaked out. Mr White said: "I know that the said of the said of the said." the charges against me have been dropped, but I do not feel my name has been cleared." Cecil Emmerson, his solicitor, said that he had already been tried and convicted by a vicious mob. Northumbria police, who have an open file to the killing, would not comment.

# Climber falls to death

A climber fell to his death and his brother was rescued after being trapped for 12 hours on a narrow ledge on An Teallach, a 3.483ft mountain in northwest Scotland. Ian Walker, 48, an executive editor of *The Mail on Sunday* fell more than 400ft as he and his brother Graham, 40. a lecturer of Coupar, Fife, were retreating from the mountain in bad weather. An RAF Sea King helicopter took Graham Walker to Raigmore hospital, Inverness, suffering from hypothermia and severe shock. From the hospital last night Graham Walker said that they became engulfed in cloud and were walking blind. The ground steepened and they suddenly realised the danger they were in. "We were right on the edge. Ian shouted he could not get a hold or a footing. I tried to reach down and catch his hand but I could not reach. Then Ian said 'I am going'."

### Poor mission ends

Methodists voted yesterday to bring their programme to help the poor into the general body of the church, in spite of warnings that such a move would undermine the work of the fund. The Mission Alongside the Poor Programme, the Methodist equivalent of the Church of England's Church Urban Fund, will cease to exist as a separate entity after August next year. The Methodist Conference, meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne, voted by a narrow majority to integrate the programme into its home mission division. The conference was told that the programme was £800,000 short of its £2 million fund-raising target for 1988-93. It was set up by the conference in 1983 in response to deprivation in the inner cities and was later extended to cover rural poverty. The first target of £1 million was met by 1988.

# Skin cancer up 50%

Skin cancer has become a "public health problem" in Britain after a 50 per cent rise in serious cases over the past six years, a government committee said. Tom Sackville. health minister, said in a parliamentary written answer that the government accepted the recommendations of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment and was considering how best to implement them. The committee reported that the number of malignant melanomas rose from 1,827 in 1980 to 2,635 in 1986. Registered cases of the less serious non-melanotic skin cancer rose from 19,000 to more than 25,000. Mr Sackville repeated advice from Dr Kenneth Calman; the chief madical officer, that people should use a suitable sunscreen product, tan gradually and avoid sunburn.

# Island sold for £1 m

The island of Eigg off the west coast of Scotland was lion yesterday. The success ful bidders were Cleveland and Highland Holdings, the family company of Keith Schellenberg, right, which has owned Eigg for the past 16 years. The sale followed a divorce settlement between former Olympic bobsleigher Mr Schell-enberg and his ex-wife. He has bought his wife's halfshare in the island.



# Lockerbie deadline

The next round of Libya's court battle with America and Britain over the Lockerbie airliner bombing will take three years to complete. The International Court of Justice in The Hague said yesterday that it had set Libya a deadline of December next year to submit written arguments in the case. America and Britain have been given until June 1995 to submit their written counter-arguments. Public hearings will follow after that. Libya has faced UN sanctions since April 15 for ignoring a Security Council resolution asking it to hand over two men charged by America and Britain with the 1988 bombing of a PanAm airliner which crashed over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

### £20m drive launched

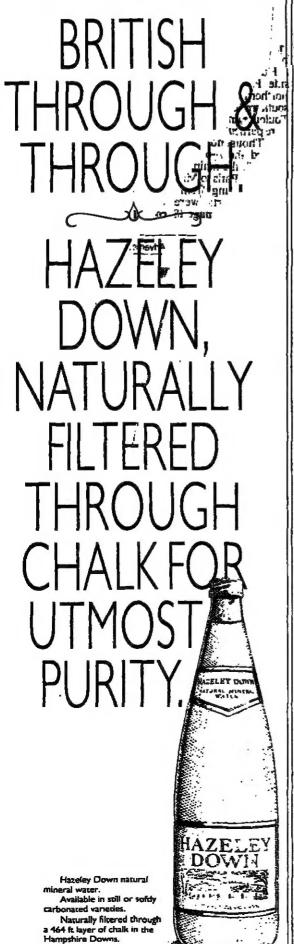
A company that bought 11 motorway service stations from the Rank Organisation earlier this year is to spend £20 million on improving them. Pavilion, headed by Michael Guthrie, former chairman and chief executive of Mecca Leisure, is to upgrade the service areas, which cost £100 million, over the next three years. Mr Guthrie yesterday promised better catering, with more varied menus and greater emphasis on healthy eating; larger no smoking areas; high street shops; improved petrol and forecourt facilities; and cleaner, brighter toilets with full time amendants. Keith Floyd and Dr Hilary Jones, television cook and medical adviser respectively, are to develop healthy, interesting meals and promote driver health and safety.

# IRA claim over body

Irish police were trying to identify last night the remains of a woman found in a shallow grave in co. Sligo, who may have been killed by informers working within the ranks of the IRA more than a year ago. The decomposed body was found near Classiebawn Castle, the former estate of Lord Mountbatten. Police in Dublin said that the body may be that of Margaret Perry, 26, a Roman Catholic civil servant, who disappeared from her home at Portadown in co. Armagh in June last year. The discovery of the grave followed the release of a statement by the IRA to a Belfast newspaper on Tuesday which claimed that Miss Perry had been murdered by people working for "MI5 British intelligence and RUC Special Branch" — a possible reference to informers within IRA ranks.

# Beck enquiry ends

The enquiry into the running of Leicestershire children's homes under the convicted paedophile Franks Beck ended yesterday. Andrew Kirkwood, QC, chairman of the enquiry, said that his findings would criticise the management of social services. "It is no secret that I expect to conclude that here were at times some weekenesses of the conclude that there were at times some weaknesses and shortcomings in relevant areas of management," he said in a written



# Village brings hairy issue to a head

THE parish councillors of Datchet, Berkshire, will tomorrow attend a special meeting to consider a matter

of considerable gravity.

Aiready the issue has involved the police. There have been tears, threats, allegations and counter-claims. A local businessman says that the matter has ruined him and there are demands for members of the council to resign. The root of this com-motion is a haircut.

Warren Archer, who runs a hairdresser's shop, said that a customer, Ann O'Donnell, asked him to make her look younger. When the job was done she complained that her new hair-style was too short and showed too much white hair. She claimed that Mr Archer refused to let her

leave the shop and threatened to call the police. Her husband, Dr Jim O'Donnell. a cardiologist and member of the parish council, remon-strated with Mr Archer, leaving him in tears. Mr Archer called the police, who told him he should seek redress through the parish council.

Mrs O'Donnell used the village notice-board to publicise what had happened. Ewan Larcombe, the council chairman, tore down the notice and took the key to the notice-board's glass case. Mrs O'Donnell fixed a replacement notice to the glass. Mr Larcombe removed it. Dr O'Donnell called for his resignation. Nine members of the council want Dr O'Donnell's resignation.

Little sign of compromise

was apparent yesterday. Mr Archer said that he was leaving Datchet: "The whole thing was awful. The doctor abused his power as a parish councilles, and themselves." councillor and threatened me. This has destroyed my business. I'm closing in a fortnight because word spreads fast in a small village like Datchet. The whole incident was very upsetting for me. Many people are refus-ing to come in here now." Mrs O'Donnell declined to

comment on the matter yes-terday. Dr O'Donnell denied threatening Mr Archer and said that he had no intention of resigning from the council.
"Other parish councillors have got hold of this complaint and set out to damage my character but I won't be resigning for simply stand-

ing up for my rights as a consumer. In fact, if it wasn't so damaging it would be wghable."
Mr Larcombe took a more sanguine view: "A parish councillor cannot be forced

to resign but many members think that would be the honourable thing for the doctor to do. The whole situation is silly and we hope it can be resolved on Friday."

CORRECTION

The photograph accompany-ing a report in later editions yesterday on the seventh Marquess of Bath was not that of the Marquess, but of his brother, Lord Christopher

# Planespotter denies killing teenager lured by job offer

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A YOUNG woman was lured from her home to a fake job interview as an airline stewardess and was almost certainly strangled when a attack went "horribly wrong", a crown court jury was told yesterday.

Lynne Rogers, 17, van-ished last year after she set off from her home in Hither Green, southeast London, to meet a man at Charing Cross station. She was last seen being picked up in a car. Her body was later discovered hidden in the Sussex

Wayne Scott Singleton, 36, of Crawley, West Sussex, denies murdering Miss Rogers. At the opening of his trial at Lewes Crown Court, East Sussex, yesterday, Robert Seabrook, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that the

# Tour firm fires first shot in price war

By HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVÉL CORRESPONDENT

THE first "sniper fire" was heard last night in the peak season holiday price war. Thomson Holidays told travel agents to cut the price of 11 night holidays in Tobago by 40 per cent — from £829 to £599 — and began selling two week Kenyan beach holidays, for £349 which had been ad-vertised for £605.

The Tobago offer runs throughout the school holiday peak of July and August and comes after a slump in bookings which has left hotels on the Caribbean island desperate to sell their empty rooms at much reduced prices and airlines prepared to sell seats at knock down prices to anyone who can fill them. The normal scheduled return economy air fare alone to Tobago is £1,069 and even a ticket booked 21 days in advance would cost £827.

Steve Garley said: "Many of our long haut destinations have sold our but Tobago found that it was not full and the hotels were prepared to reduce their rates enabling us to make these offers." The Kenyan holidays are avail-able only from Manchester because similar holidays starting from Gatwick have already been sold.

The discount war also showed signs of spreading to Europe as Cosmos began tar-geting families with children by offering short breaks to Euro-Disney for little more than half the original brochure price.

"We decided to take the initiative on child prices because a large number of hotel beds and coach seats suddenly became available to us at much discounted rates." Paul Jolliffe, Cosmos coach

director, said. The industry is now in turmoil over the peak season discounts which, if they become commonplace, could wipe out the profits of even the healthuest company and could force some out of business. Traditionally any discounts which tour operators have been forced to make to stimulate demand during the first few months of the year are more than recovered during the school holiday peak when holidays are sold at full brockure — and therefore highly profitable — price.

ONE in five adolescents

thinks that life is not worth

living. Yet most come

through it with no more

than minor skirmishes over

haircuts, loud music and staying out late, according

to the Royal College of Psy-

The teenage years can be an "emotional assault

course", but the tensions

can be reduced if parents

follow four rules, the college

says in Surviving Adoles-

cence, a leaster published

Dr Mike Shooter, a Car-

chiatrists.

yesterday.

death had been gruesome and "you may conclude

borrowed a typewriter to

brush up on her typing skills, Mr Seabrook said.

At Charing Cross, she was

noticed by a number of people, including two former

schoolmates. A dispatch rider

saw her waiting and a taxi driver, struck by her "quite

striking smartness and hair"

saw a Vauxhall Carlton car arrive and saw Miss Rogers

Her body was found five

days later. There was bruis-ing to her forehead, probably from a stunning blow, and

grip marks round her neck and arms, Mr Seabrook said.

Other marks suggested that she may have been lying on her back with her assailant on

top of her, with the possibility

that she was gripped around

There were teeth marks

over her chin, where she had

been bitten, possibly by some-

one trying to kiss her or trying

to keep her still, he said. There was no evidence of

sexual intercourse. It was sug-

gested that she had died on

the day she went to Charing

Mr Singleton, also known as Andre Reich, had had vari-ous jobs, including one at

Gatwick airport and at the

Hilton hotel, counsel said. He

was married but separated. The jury would hear about

relationships with various women, latterly Kim Arnold,

who lived in Catford, south-

east London. Mr Seabrook said that Mr

Singleton had an obsessive.

fanatical interest in aircraft

and flight movements. He

was operating a car spray

paint business called Casual

ty Car Doctor in February

1991 at the Greenwich busi-

ness centre, where Africa

Hinterland had an office. Mr

Seabrook said that there was a clear inference that he had

obtained Miss Rogers's CV

By late autumn, he was

estranged from Kim Arnold

and the jury might conclude that he had become excited

by the idea of entrapping Miss Rogers, Mr Seabrook

The trial was adjourned un-

from the business centre.

get into it.

the throat.

Miss Rogers had been desperately anxious to get a good job, he said. She had sent a curriculum vitae to a travel company called Africa Hinterland, which rented of-fices in southeast London. The company went out of business last July and the CV would have remained in the company's pigeon hole.

On August 30 last year, while Miss Rogers was out, her sister Suzanne took a telephone call. A man claim-ing he had received Miss Rogers's CV from an agency said that he wanted to interview her about a job involving

stewarding executive flights.
The man rang back later.
This time, Mr Seabrook said, Suzanne Rogers could hear background voices and noises sounding like an aircraft control tower. At one point the man broke off to say in "a highly professional flight operator-type voice" that flight 101 could prepare to take off.

The caller was Mr Singleton, the prosecution said. The man called back again the next day and Lynne Rogers took the call, scribbling details on a notepad. Suzanne heard her sister talking about her previous employment and, "in a somewhat surprised or stunned way", repeated the salary offer and wrote down £14,500.

Miss Rogers booked September 4 off from work and



Rogers: "Desperately. anxious for a good job"

# Joe Joseph gets a

Henley draws the racy and ritzy

complete tour of English social history in seven minutes on an umpire's launch

THE real glory of the Henley Regatta is that if you board an umpire's launch downstream, and then chase one of the boat races all the way to the finishing line, you get as thorough a tour of English social history as G.M. Trevelyan or AJ.P. Taylor could offer. And all in just seven minutes 17 seconds. Less if you're following a couple of

The first giveaway that we are among the rabble is the dress. There are three traditional dress codes for Henley: the Gieves & Hawkes blazer-and-cream-trousers uniform; the striped blazer designed like a liquorice allsort; and the boat club blazers in playschool prima-ry colours with contrasting ribbon trim.

Lapels must be thick with badges, tied through the buttonhole with string. Henley-goers always look first at your lapel, to see if you have access to any of the exclusive clubs and enclo-sures to which they don't, especially the Leander Club.

At the hoi polloi end they often wear jeans, but no often wear jeans, but no badges. They eat "Soft Whip" ice cream, "Fresh Donuts", "Scrumpy Jack" cider, and they buy T-shirts, from the sort of stalls you see at village fêtes. The beer and sandwiches here are half the price you pay one mile further up the river. Many have their dogs with them. They are enjoying them. They are enjoying themselves because they chose to come, not because they were invited by a computer company or because all their friends were

Past the Empress of India

pleasure cruiser where the trippers look like an office outing in their cheap com-plimentary straw hats with Kiss-Me-Quick hatbands. Then, on the right bank. come the hospitality tents with their Dixieland jazz bands serenading the guests, middle-class enter-tainment for the middle classes to accompany their poached salmon. Here the dress is more Gieves & Hawkes-style Marks & Spencer. They hold beer



Jolly boating weather: the rain drenches rows of empty seats at Henley

mugs, each filled with a small tropical forest and a splash of Pimm's.

Over on the left-hand side you can begin to spot the Range-Rovers and Volvos in the fancier car parks. Each car has an awning pegged out over its boot, under which a table is laid for six or eight, with smoked salmon and strawberries and granary bread from wicker bread baskets. The talk is always of the last attended

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event in the social calendar. Meanwhile, the car park is ringing with the pop, pop, pop of afternoon champagne, to be followed later by the plink, plink fizz of the

evening Alka Seltzer. At last the Stewards' Enclosure, where Gieves & Hawkes, liquorice allsorts, and playschool primaries are everywhere. Their wives look as if they have popped in on the way home from a wedding to catch a race and

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Goldie boat wins, in 7min and 17sec, but their momentum carries them up to the terrace of the Leander Club, where the members regard themselves as Henley's elite. Many belong in an H.M. Bateman cartoon and are dressed head to toe in club hot pink.

Hardly anyone seems to watch any racing, but the have more fun.

# Chlorine in water linked to cancers

By NIGEL HAWKES

AN AMERICAN study claiming that chlorination of drinking water can cause rectal and bladder cancers produced a sharp response yesterday from the Water Services Association. Water in Britain had been safely disinfected with chlorine for 100 years, the association said, and the safety of the

process was not in doubt. The rejoinder was triggered by a paper published in the American Journal of Public Health by Robert Morris of the Medical College of Wisconsin and colleagues at Har-vard School of Public Health. Based on an examination of ten previous studies of the carcinogenicity of chlorinated water, Dr Morris and his co-authors concluded that drinking, bathing and showering in chlorinated water might be responsible for 15 per cent of rectal cancers (6,500 cases) and 9 per cent of bladder cancers (4,200 cases) in America each year.

Most of the original studies had shown no such link, but adding them together showed a correlation between the rates of the two cancers and the use of chlorination. If the correlation does signify a cause-and-effect relationship. the mechanism is assumed to be by-products such as chloroform produced when the chlorine reacts with organic materials in the water.

Dr Morris said yesterday: "There is a clear pattern between consumption of chlorinated water and rectal and bladder cancer. We should look at this in terms of whether there are technologies available that don't pose these risks and we should implement them."

The team do not claim that anybody would be better off it water were left unchlorinated. "The potential health risks of microbial contamination of drinking water greatly exceed the risks," they write. The Water Services Associ-

ation, which represents the ten water supply companies in Britain, said that the results were not necessarily applicable here. "The types of residue found and the processes of chlorination used are not always the same," a spokesman said.

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# Search begins for teams of privatised inspectors

THE education department yesterday launched a national advertising campaign to recruit 200 private inspectors, the first stage of its contentious reform of the school inspections service. From September next year,

a new structure of regular inspections will be intro-duced, with private teams led by registered inspectors en-tering bids for individual con-tracts, which will be awarded by the case inspector of schools Atleast two bids will be considered for every contract, expected to be worth between £5,000 and £30,000. Professor Stewart Suther-land, the newly appointed chief inspector, said that can-didates would be screened by his office and trained for five days. "I expect applications from existing HMI local authority inspectors, reachers, and others with education backgrounds. In addition, I hope to attract a range to others with an appropriate background including, for ex-ample, management consul-tants." Many inspectors, he

said, would to find enough work for a full-time career but would have to combine educational expertise with sound business judgment.

Registered inspectors would "quite fundamentally carry the can" for the performance of their teams, which will include trained lay members with no immediate background in education. "Lay members will bring certain skills and insights which will be unique to them. They will



Sutherland: casting his

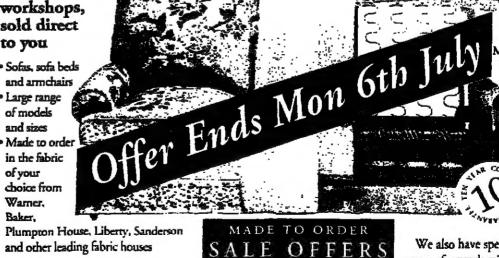
play a full part in every inspection team," he said.

The new marketplace in inspections is intended to transform a profession that chics regard as a sleepy bastion of the old education exhibits and the chick part of the chick p tablishment. Bill Wright, general secretary of the Nat-



ional Association of Inspec-tors and Educational Advisers, said that the association would have to adapt to the changing lifestyle of the professional inspector. "We could well see within a year or two half our members being outside the local authorities. People setting up outside will have different needs."

☐ Predictions that schools would rush to opt out of local authority control after the general election result have been proved wrong. Labour said yesterday. Jack Straw, the party's education spokes-man, said only 56 schools had decided to ballot parents on opting out this term, and 74 ballots had taken place between April and July, compared to 120 in the same



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diff psychiatrist, said at the launch of the leaflet that adolescence in the 1990s was tougher than ever because of rising divorce rates, youth unemployment and increasing expectations. He said that economic circumstances were denying youngsters the opportunity to grow up.

Most of the teenagers I

work with are jobless and

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has set four rules to help parents over the misery of adolescence. Jeremy Laurance reports

they have to live at home with their parents. It's very difficult to get established into adult life when you are still dependent on your

Sexual expectation was another factor, he said. 'Many teenagers at 15 or 16 think they are somehow inferior if they haven't run through the whole gamut of sexual experience.

Dr Richard Williams, a psychiatrist in Bristol, said that adolescents' developing capacity for moral thought and sense of injustice could lead to conflict. "Adults can seem hypocrites who don't have pure thoughts."

He said that families had to cope with the adolescent's emerging indepen-

dence and the growing importance of peer groups. But parents remained a big

influence. "Any adolescent who is so alientated from his parents that his peer group takes precedence has a Maggie Pringle, head of Holland Park School, west

London, said that schools which became obsessed with targets and examination leagues would leave youngsters ill-equipped to cope with adult life. She said that the pressure to meet academic targets was increasing as greater de-mands for accountability to parents and governors were made. "My fear is we may define our role too narrowly. when we should be involved

How to survive teenage traumas in equipping children with the capacity to cope with an increasingly complex soci-The four rules suggested

by the college for surviving ☐ Parents must agree between themselves what approach to adopt to issues such as bedtimes and homework. "One parent allying with the child against the other parent is a recipe for

disaster," it says.

□ Parents should lay down a few, clear, ground rules, apply them consistently and never threaten sanctions if they are not going to carry ☐ They should listen sym-

pathetically to problems without being judgmental.

They should not expect gratitude. "[Adolescents] probably won't be grateful until they have children of their own and realise what an exhausting job it is."

Investment increases but slump cuts passenger totals and property prices

# Rail losses hit £144 m despite big subsidy rise

BRITISH Rail announced vesterday that it lost £144.7 million in the year to April, a fifteen-fold increase over the previous 12 months, despite a £300 million rise in govern-ment subsidy to mitigate the severity of the recession.

BR's disappointing results, which come two weeks before the government is due to publish its rail privatisation white paper, refect fewer pas-sengers, a collapse in income from property sales, high interest charges, and the capital cost of preparing for the Channel tunnel.

InterCity, the national passenger network, made a profit for the fourth year running, although its surplus fell from £49.7 million to £2 million. Trainload Freight, BR's newly created bulk freight operation, earned a profit of £67.5 million, confirming it as an early candidate for

privatisation. Network SouthEast, the London and South-East regional network, lost £181.9 million, up from £154.9 million in 1990-1, which fell to a deficit of £7 million after subsidies. Regional Railways losses increased from £503.4 million to £583.6 million. which was transformed into a surplus of £8.4 million by £592 million support.

Receipts from property sales and lettings, which have helped to cushion BR from the recession, fell from E223 million to E163.9 million. Revenue from property sales alone fell to £53.9 million, down by some 55 per cent over the previous year.

Despite the economic downturn, which saw the number of passenger journeys decline by 23 million, BR managed to increase investment to £1,005 million,

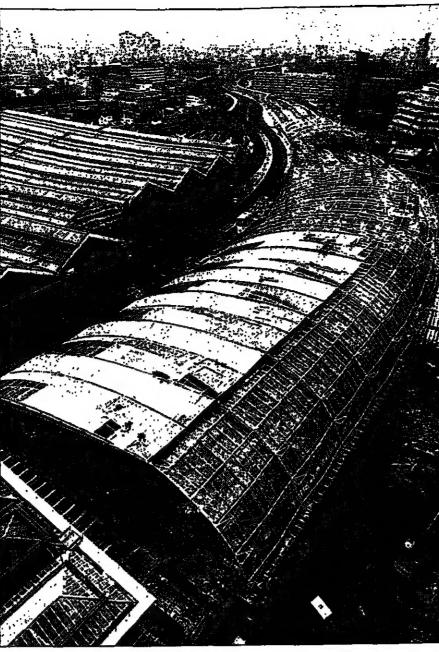
an increase of 21 per cent over the previous year. This is the first time annual investment has exceeded £1 billion. Of the total, £758 million was spent on refur-bishing and maintaining the existing railway. Sir Bob Reid, the BR

chairman, highlighted the ing the completion of the east coast mainline electrification scheme, the renewal of Regional Railways' diesel fleet, the redevelopment of Liverpool Street station, London, and the imminent arrival of new Networker trains for Kent. "We achieved a considerable amount in 1991-2. I think the industry is in good shape," Sir Bob said.

BR's achievements included the £1.3 billion investment scheme in anticipation of Channel tunnel services, including upgraded track between London and Folkestone, and the new Waterloo international terminal, which was proceeding "on time and within budget". Because BR's Channel tunnel preparations had been financed by increased borrowings, which had led to a substantial increase in interest repayments, ministers would have little option but to consider a debt write-off, Sir Bob said.

break up and privatise the railways must ensure that the benefits of the national network are preserved, customer service is enhanced, operational safety is maintained, and that the present level of investment continues uninterrupted, he said. "The move from deterioration to dilapidation to danger comes all too quickly and

Government plans to



On time: building work on BR's new Waterloo international terminal

Spending on safety related schemes increased from £140 million to £225 million, Sir Bob said, a significant proportion of which went on hiring additional staff to comply with the safety recommendations made by the enquiry into the triple train crash at Clapham in 1988. In addition, BR has responded to the findings of the Health and Safety Executive into the safety of slam doors. Responding to the deterio-

ration in BR's finances, John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said that the financial targets imposed on BR are "undestrable and unworkable," he said. "They are a financial straitjacket which has led to a fall in the quality of service."

Season ticketholders will receive discounts if ten British Rail lines fail to improve the performance in the next six months.

The offending lines are

West Coast and Cross Country on InterCity for punctuality: Gatwick Express for reliability: Kent Link and Kent Coast for punctuality; Regional Railways' long-distance Cross Country line for punctuality: West Midlands short routes for punctuality and North East, Cardiff Valleys and West Midlands for

# Freed poll tax rebel vows to fight on

TOMMY Sheridan, the Glasgow poll tax protester jailed for contempt of court. was released yesterday after four months. He said that he had no regrets about his im-

"I would not want to go to prison again but, if I am faced with the same circumstances, that is what will happen," Mr Sheridan, 28, said after his release from Saughton jail in Edinburgh. "I am not going to be fright-ened or cowed."

Two dozen supporters, including his mother Alice, were outnumbered by the media when he emerged from the prison. He then headed for a rally with his supporters outside the council building

in Glasgow.

Mr Sheridan, of Pollok,
Glasgow, was jailed for six
months for defying a court order banning him from a warrant sale of community charge debtors' goods. His term was reduced by good behaviour.

While in prison, he stood as a Militant Labour candidate in the general election in the Glasgow Pollok constituency, gaining 6,000 votes. He was expelled from the Labour party for Militant links.

He won a seat on Glasgow district council in May. His councillor's attendance payments were brozen in an attempt by the authorities to pay off his poll tax arrears. Mr Sheridan said that he has not signed the necessary mandate for the funds to be

paid and is now planning legal action to stop the move. "Some things haven't changed," he said yesterday. "The rich seem to be getting richer from what I read in the papers. But one thing that has changed is that the campaign against the poll tax is now even stronger. There are more people not paying than when I first went in."

While in jail he received 1,606 letters and said that he replied to every one. He paid pribute to prison staff and ed him "tremendously"

# High-tech trap is hard cheese for nosy mice

Cheddar is out, infra-red beams are in. Nick Nuttall examines a device giving new meaning to the phrase computer mouse

THE mousetrap has entered the computer age. In place of the traditional slab of wood topped by a piece of sprung wire that gives the unwary householder fitting a lump of Cheddar a nasty thwack across the fingertips comes the Mouse Alert, a device involving infra-red beams, a central computer and automatic telephone calls to pa-

trolling pest control officers. The 7in-long box has small holes at each end. A mouse entering it breaks one of two beams, which sends a signal causing doors to slide across the holes. Another signal is sent to the computer, which dials a predetermined set of telephone numbers to alert the nearest officer.

The Mouse Alert has been developed by Rentokil of East Grinstead, Sussex. Grant Parrott, for the company, said that the system had many advantages over traditional traps, including reliability. A computer printout of mouse incidents could be produced for companies to show public health inspectors, proving how seriously

they took pest control. No cheese is needed. Research has shown that mice like to scurry close to skirting boards, sensing their pos-ition with their whiskers. If

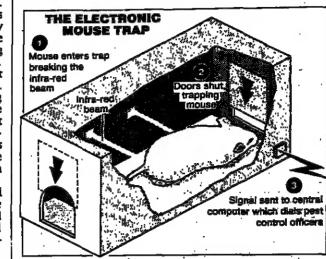
the box is left close to a wall an inquisitive mouse will venture inside, says the

company.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the American writer, is credited with saying that "If a man... make a better mousetrap than his neighbour, tho' he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door". Whether Rentokil will enjoy such acclaim may depend less on the trap and more on its price. Peter Bateman, another spokesman for the company, said that the Mouse Alert costs "several thousand pounds a year", depending on the number of boxes and the level of sophistication requested.

The system is aimed at companies with sensitive computer installations or with stores of expensive commodities such as pharmacentics that are vulnerable to damage by mice. Rival high technology systems include an American one in which a rodent enters a tunnel, disturbing an electric eye and causing the tunnel to tip, depositing the victim in a bag. Carbon dioxide is pumped in, suffocating it.

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# Troops attack fairground families after drink binge

A SPELL of midsummer madness turned Cambridge into a banle zone early yester-day when over 40 drunken soldiers from the 1st Banal-ion The Royal Highland Fusiliers attacked sleeping fairground workers in their caravans on Midsummer Common before rampaging through the city centre.

By morning the common, scene of an annual fair since the time of King John, resembled a set from a cowboy movie, with more than £5,000 damage to the vic-tims' wagons. Sharpened fence stakes torn from the ground and used to smash the windows and bodywork of cars and caravans littered the site. Military police were interviewing soldiers at Oakington Barracks in Cam-bridgeshire yesterday, before their departure for Belize, No arrests were made.

The fair workers had packed their travelling circus away after the show ended on Monday. John Fendick, 60, head of a large traveiling family, said: "I woke to see hordes of them bellowing and shouting like they were the Indians in a cowboy film, coming across the common. I shouted to my daughter to get the other children and drive them

away. I heard them shouring.

'Kill the bastards.'

One man, who declined to be named, told how his wife and 13-year-old son dived to the floor of their convention. the floor of their caravan after the soldiers threw a gas cylinder through a window, followed by fence stakes. "We were terrified." he said. "The gas was still on when they

threw the cylinder and one stake went flying straight through the caravan." Senior army officers sent flowers and an apology to the man's wife yesterday.

Police said that they be-lieved the attack by the soldiers, who were not in uniform, might have been to avenge an attack on a soldier in a Cambridge pub at the weekend. Fairground work-ers denied this. One said: "This was purely a case of a load of drunken Scotsmen coming here and smashing the place up for no reason at all. They caused trouble in pubs earlier on and then started to psych each other up to have a go at us." Others said that they were considering a complaint to the police about their slow reaction.

Previous clashes between locals and soldiers from Bassingbourn barracks have led to the city being placed out of bounds for the soldiers. A police enquiry into the dis-turbances, which began earlier in city centre pubs and involved up to 100 soldiers, was launched by David Winser, assistant chief constable of Cambridgeshire.

A police spokesman said that a special operation at the five-day fair ended when the fair closed on Monday night. "We had no advance intelligence this was going to happen and therefore no men on the ground. We couldn't match the soldiers even though we got some rein-forcements. There were a number of running skirmishes until 3am."



Finest arts: representatives of five organisations picked from 220 to win £25,000 each in the Prudential arts awards at Hamiltons Gallery. central London, yesterday. Seated from the left: John Ward of Opera

North, Leeds; Richard Steinitz. **Huddersfield Contemporary Music** Festival: Gary McKeone, Field Day Theatre Company, Londonderry: standing, Jonathan Wilkins, Chisenhale Gallery, London: Val

Bourne, Dance Umbrella, London, Five individuals shortlisted for the £5.000 Arts Council Award were also announced: Simon Rattle, principal conductor of the City of Birmingham Orchestra: Cicely Berry.

voice director of the Royal Shakespeare Company: Lloyd Newson, director of DV8 dance company: Sir Charles Mackerras, musical director of Welsh National Opera; and David Sylvester, the art critic.

# **Prisoners** locked in gun store

BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TWO men arrested in the early hours of the morning for being drunk and disorderly in the centre of Castlebar, co Mayo, in the Irish republic, were locked up in a police cell that was being used to store five revolvers, a submachine gun and 20,000 rounds of

Only two police officers were on duty in the town on the night in late May. After a scuffle in the station, they managed to force the men into a cell, not knowing that it was being used as a weapons store in contravention of

regulations.
The officers realised that something was wrong when they heard the prisoners smashing the submachine gun against the cell wall, according to the Irish Indepen-dent. When they went to investigate they found that they had also scattered the all around the cell.

A police source told the newspaper it was pure luck that the prisoners, who were released without charge, did not load the guns.

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# Judge jails last man in bank gang

A man said to have masterninded three armed robber ies on Lloyds Bank branches, netting about £500,000, was jailed yesterday for twelve and a half years.

Matthew Chieke, 25, admitted robbery, firearms of-fences, handling stolen cash and guns, and handling the proceeds of burglaries, when he appeared at the Old Bailey. The judge told him: "I find it impossible to accept your counsel's submission that you played a subordinate

Chieke was arrested in an expensive rented apartment in Marbella. Police found a false passport and more than £20,000 in a false ceiling in the bathroom.

The other two gang mem-bers — Chieke's brother Stephen, 19, and Mark Calvert, 22 - were each jailed for 12 years last year after admitting their parts in the robberies.

### £1 m sale hope

Christie's expects to raise more than £1 million from a three-day sale of more than 1.000 lots from the stock of a west London architectural fittings and garden statuary firm in October. The lots will include a complete Georgian shop front bought for £50 in 1958, and an entire wood panelled room from 52 Charles Street, Mayfair, re-putedly from the home of Nell Gwynne.

### Pit bull shot

Police shot dead a stray pit bull terrier after it attacked a man walking across a green at Peckham, south London. The man was taken to King's College Hospital with serious injuries to his left arm. Police did not give his name. The dog was not wearing a collar or tag. Sergeant Wayne Nash said that the dog was com-pletely out of control. "It was far too dangerous for our dog handlers to approach."

### Fan convicted

A 21-year-old Englishman was convicted by a court in Stockholm of inciting fights between English and Swedish soccer fans during the European Championships last month by shouting "Let's kill the Swedes." The man, from Wolverhampton, was not named, according to Swedish practice. He was allowed to return home after spending 14 days in jail awaiting his trial.

# Heritage goes on instant alert

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

FOUR rings of the tele-phone is all it should take in future for the experts in architecture and archaeology at English Heritage to answer enquiries, Jocelyn Stevens, the new chairman, declared yesterday.

This guarantee of a swift reply is only part of the Stevens shock therapy for England's historic buildings and monuments

Yesterday, at his first press conference since taking over three months ago, Mr Stevens said that more staff would be taken on if necessary, although 100 of the 800 in the Savile Row headquarters in central London are being moved to the regions. The idea of transplanting the head-quarters to Nottingham had been shelved, he said.

A new, ambitious set of standards of service to the standards of service to the public, both for visitors to historic houses and for applicants for the more than \$10 million worth of annual grants, is being introduced to win English Heritage more public support.

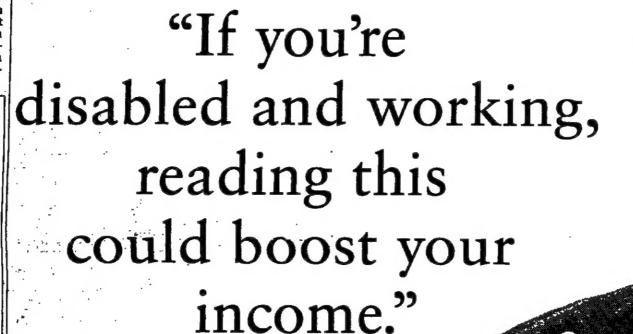
The new standards promise replies or acknowledge.

ise replies, or acknowledge-ments, to all letters within five days, require all telephone enquiries not dealt with immediately to be dealt with within 24 hours. give clear timetables for de-cisions on all grant applications: require senior staff to identify themselves; and invite dissatisfied customers to complain, if necessary to Jennifer Page, the chief ex-ecutive. Staff performance would be monitored, Mr Stevens warned. And ev-ery telephone call must be answered within four

rings," he said. Taking Mr Stevens at his word, The Times rang three different departments of English Heritage. All passed the four ring test. Mr Stevens was delighted.



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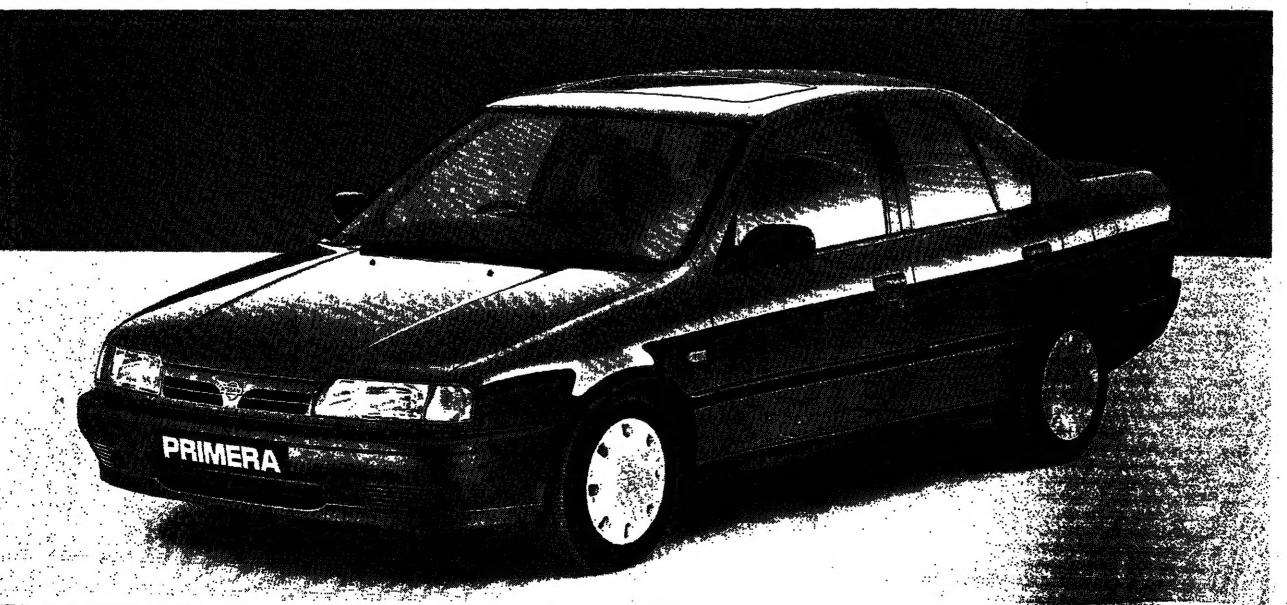


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# Anorexic girl enters special medical unit for treatment

By Frances Gibb, Legal correspondent

the legal system until they reached adulthood".

Doctors who fear that a

mentally ill woman may have

a brain tumour do not need

court permission to carry out urgent "invasive" diagnostic treatment without her con-

sent, a judge ruled yesterday. The health authority which

has care of the 25-year-old

woman had sought a High

Court declaration sanction-

ing a brain scan, involving

heavy sedation and injection

of a contrast agent into her

Deputy Family Division Judge Nicholas Wilson, QC.

ruled that a declaration was

unnecessary for the treat-ment, which every one admit-

ted to be in the woman's best

interests. He said that if he

granted a declaration it could lead to costly and unneces-

sary court action by other

health authorities in similar

A duty to live? page 14

cases in the future.

THE anorexic teenage girl who lost her court battle for the legal right to continue starving herself was moved to a London medical centre for treatment yesterday after the Court of Appeal was told she had bowed to the inevitable.

The 16-year-old girl, identified as "J", was seen by her solicitor on Tuesday night and told of the appeal judges' decision that, because of her rapidly failing health, she could be given treatment without her consent. She said she still wants to stay in the special psychiatric unit where she is being cared for and is unhappy about the court's ruling, her counsel, Allan Levy QC, told the Court of Anneal vesterion.

Appeal yesterday.

"But she is going to cooperate. She bows to the inevitable, bearing in mediathe
order of the court," he told Lord Donaldson of Lyming-ton, Master of the Rolls, and Lords Justices Balcombe and Nolan. The girl entered a special medical unit in Lon-

don yesterday afternoon.
Lord Donaldson emphasised that the court had made no final ruling in the case, which involved wider issues than those immediately affecting J. The decision that the girl could receive treatment against her wishes was an interim measure in the special circumstances of her

The judges heard argument on the legal principles involved. They have been referred to the 1969 Family Law Reform Act. under which, it was argued on J's behalf, adolescents between 16 and 18 could refuse consent to surgical, medical and dental treatment. Lawyers, doctors and carers recognise that the implications of the

case are far-reaching.

John Samuels, QC, for the local authority which has care of the girl, asked the judges to declare that the act conferred no rights, per se, on adolescents. The judges are expected to give their detailed

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judgment on the issues in-volved at a later date. Their decision, unless challenged in the House of Lords, will lay down vital guidelines for future cases:

The court has issued a strict injunction banning publication of any information — including the identity of the local authority and prospertive foster parents - calculated to lead to the girl being identified. The injunction also bans anyone from solicit-

information from the child or those caring for her.

Mr Samuels, arguing that the 1969 act did not confer absolute rights, said that in appropriate circumstances the protective system of the courts would always be available to "enable the wayward teenager to cope with and overcome a temporary medi-

During final submissions by Mr Levy, for J, Lord Donaldson said: "The principle of good parenting is to give children as much rope as appropriate but not enough to hang themselves." Mr Levy maintained that the judges had failed to give sufficient

weight to J's wishes.

Major Somerton, the girl's solicitor, said she was under standably depressed about the court's decision. "She accepts that treatment will be administered and she will probably co-operate — but at what level we will have to see."

Once the girl had gained weight, her psychiatric prob-lems would be dealt with. At the end of the programme she would go to foster parents or a psychiatric unit.

Yesterday Ian Kennedy, professor of medical law and ethics at King's College, London, said that the court was weighing up whether the right to order treatment app-lied in this case because of the girl's "life threatening" cir-cumstances, or whether it would apply more widely. If the latter was the reason, he said, it meant that "adolescents had no rights at all in



Carved with pride: Norman Tait, a North American Indian chief, in Bushy Park, southwest London, yesterday, when a 37ft totem pole he carved was raised to mark Canada Day

# **Unskilled clerks** advise suspects

BY FRANCES GIBB. LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

UNQUALIFIED clerks with little or no understanding of the law are carrying out the vitai task of advising suspects in police stations, according to unpublished research for the Royal Commission on

The research paints a damning picture of the quality of legal advice given to suspects who exercise their statutory right to it, largely because solicitors delegate the call-out work to clerks. The clerks, sometimes only 19, often have no legal training. no understanding of the law, cannot see a defence case and do not understand whether police are acting legally.

The findings, still in draft form, will be a central part of any proposals by the commis-sion for strengthening sus-pects rights to legal advice as a balance to possible miscarriages of justice. They are likely to lead to recommendations for strict quality control of firms doing duty solicitor work, which now costs £61 million a year.

Dr Jacqueline Hodgson. ecturer in law at Warwick University and co-author of the research with Dr Michael

McConville, professor of law, said: "Some firms try very hard and are extremely committed. They give an excellent service and put professional ethics above making a profit. Unfortunately they are a minority." Such firms were horrified at the practices of the majority of the "big defence providers" who were geared to a high turnover, achieved through delegating the duty

advice work to clerks. Delegation of duty solicitor work to a solicitor's representative was allowed under the 1984 Police and Criminal

The research for the commission is part of a bigger four-year project in which the Warwick team has looked at 200 legal advisers in 50 law firms. The findings of that project will be published next year. The theme running through both pieces of research is the bad advice given by legal advisers to suspects, Dr Hodgson said. "Many call themselves legal executives. But legal executives are legally trained; and these advisers very often are not."

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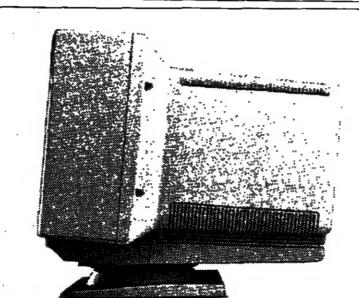
# Top police accept new work deal

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE thief constables have accepted the principle of short term contracts for the top level of the service and the end of the system where senior officers can keep their jobs up to 65 with little or no check. Senior officers have also opened the way to the possibility of performance related pay.

The principle of five-year contracts has been accepted by representatives of the Association of Chief Police Officers during negotiations on pay proposals going before local authorities and the Home Office. A system for contracts and new pay calculations may be some time away but the positive attitude of the chief constables could influence the rest of the

A senior police source said the only restriction on contracts put forward by association members is that there would have to be safeguards to preserve police independence in operational matters. The contracts would at first apply to only chief constables



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Home alone: Margaret Duncan answering directory enquiries at her home in Forres

# BT phones home in exchange trial

Telephone operators in Inverness are taking part in a scheme allowing them to work from home, Louise Hidalgo writes

CALLERS to directory en-quiries in Inverness should not be put off by the sound of a vacuum cleaner in the background. It is just Shona McGougan fitting in her chores while taking part in a BT experiment on flexible

working.
Mrs McGougan is one of ten operators at Inverness telephone exchange who have volunteered to work from home for the next year. She has already been doing so for the past fortnight, testing new equipment which, to prevent home op-erators becoming lonely, includes a videophone so that they can catch up on the latest office gossip during breaks.

You have to be fairly dis-ciplined," Mrs McGougan said. "But when you're answering a call a minute, you don't get much time to be distracted. And during my breaks. I can do some vacuuming or put clothes in the washing machine.

"I haven't had a chance to feel lonely. I use the videophone every day to talk to other operators during the tea break, and to check in with my supervisor when I start work. If the doorbell or the telephone rings, I just

have to ignore them. The greatest saving she has found has been the 40 minutes traveiling the 13 miles to inverness from her home in Fortrose, on Black Isle, every day. "It's saving me at least £40 a month in

petrol alone." Teleworking, the comput-

er and telephone-based technology introduced in the late 1980s, has been confined so far to senior staff or self-employed people. The National Eco-nomic Development Office, however, estimates that about 1.5 million people are working partly or complete ly from home or from a "satellite office", and predicts that the number will rise. The majority work in information technology, but many work for telephone based services such as mail-

order companies. Teleworking is part of an overall move towards more flexible working," Barbara Stephens, the development office's industrial adviser, said. "By the year 2000, we believe half of the workforce will be working an alternative to the Monday to Friday, nine to five pattern."

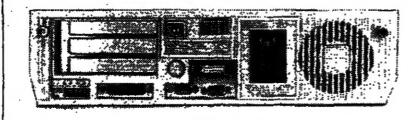
BT, which hopes that its experiment will attract other businesses to use its services for their own teleworkers, intends to extend the scheme to other sections of its workforce lat-

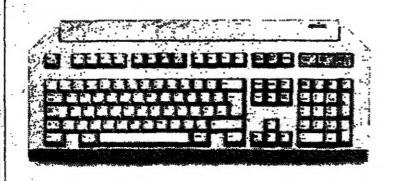
er in the year. "We have not yet decided which employees will be participating." Mike Gray, head of BT's research centre, said. "But one thing we have had to make clear is that it is not a substitute for

childcare." In the meantime, Aberdeen University psy-chology department will be monitoring the "happiness level" of the teleworkers, if not BT's customers.

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Two young Serbian men liv-ing in Britain hanged them-selves because they did not

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self at his home in Earls

Court, west London, on May

14 because he feared that his application for political asy-lum would be refused and he

would be deported, an in-quest was told yesterday.

In a separate incident a few

days later. Slavoljub Barudzic, 25. a student at Belgrade University, was found hanging behind Lati-mer Road tube station, west London. He did not wish to

return home because he

would have to fight in a war

In two inquests at West-minster, central London, Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner,

returned verdicts that both men killed themselves.

**Bell murder** 

enquiry ends

Scotland Yard is to close its

enquiry into the murder of Penny Bell, 42, the business-woman who was found stabbed to death in her Jag-

uar XJS in the car park of a

west London leisure centre in

Detectives say they have no further leads in the investiga-tion. They believe that up to 30 witnesses have never come

forward. Mrs Bell, the mother of two children, was stabbed 50 times. Nothing

was taken from her car. Armed raiders

Armed men held a gun to the head of an 11-year-old girl as

they raided her mother's post

office in Ilkley, West York-

shire, Ann Bristow, 37, was

opening the shop when the raiders grabbed her daughter

Elizabeth and demanded

money.
Police said that the men

Head accused

Royston Ower, 54, former headmaster of Millbrook Grange School, Kenilworth,

Warwickshire, his wife Doris,

and Paul Ramsey, 40, a

bail yesterday by Learnington

Two people were killed when

two cars collided in heavy rain at Bodenham, Wiltshire.

A seriously injured man was taken to hospital in Salisbury

hold girl, 11

June last year.

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he did not agree with.

Consumers' group and fire chiefs fear safety risk from fuel injection systems and increased electronics

# Fire deaths blamed on car designers

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

CHIEF fire officers and the Consumers' Association are calling for improvements in car design to try to cut the record number of deaths in vehicle fires. Both groups fear that fuel injection systems and advanced electronics are

partly responsible for the rise. John Beishon, director of the Consumers' Association, said yesterday: "Car makers could make many improvements which might mean the difference between life and death. Almost half the car fires in 1990 - 46 per cent were caused in some way by

the cars themselves." Deaths in fires not started deliberately doubled to 133 between 1980 and 1990. Two thirds of those died in fires started by crashes.

The association investigates car fires in its magazine Which?, published today. It began the investigation after discovering cases including a new Citroen XM that burnt out after only two weeks and a Peugeot 205 diesel that was repaired after one fire but burst into flames again on the way back from the garage. Dr

Beishon said that the government should name models most susceptible to fire.

The Fire Brigades' Chief and Assistant Chief Officers' Association carried out its own survey of five regions and discovered that electrical equipment was at fault in 61 per cent of non-deliberate vehicle fires. The first item to ignite was fuel, in 40 per cent of cases, followed by insulation materials (22 per cent), and wiring (17 per cent). Older cars were the most vulnera-ble, as their wiring perished with age, leads became faulty and fuel lines broke.

Which? and the chief officers say that many modern cars have inflammable materials near heat sources. Both groups are particularly worried that fuel injection systems could keep on pumping petrol even after a crash had started a fire. They want automatic cut-outs fitted on all fuel-injection cars. The use of electronics is increasing the number of dashboard fires, according to the fire brigades. In cars made before 1985, 75 per cent of fires

started under the bonnet and 9 per cent in the dashboard. In cars made after 1985, those figures had changed to

69 per cent and 14 per cent. The chief fire officers want automatically triggered extin-guishers fitted under the bonnets of cars. The Consumers' Association also calls for the wider use of extinguishers and recommends that owners fit hand-held models.

The fire officers are to ask

the Home Office to start a more detailed system of reporting to help to understand why fires start. They also want manufacturers to study the deterioration of wiring, the proximity of heat to flammable materials and the routing of fuel lines. Foams and insulation materials used in the passenger compartment, currently unregulated, should conform to legislation for domestic furniture.

The total number of vehicle fires rose from 25,792 in 1981 to 44,527 in 1990. Forty-four per cent were deliberate, caused by theft, vandalism or owners trying to claim insurance.

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Burn-up: a fuel-injected sports car that burst into flames at traffic lights in London a month ago

# What the makers say

ur during crashes and design is making cars safer.

Steps which makers say they have taken include: Ford: highly flame-resistant interior materials; fuel pump cuts out in crash. Volvo: stantance by 20 per cent.

THE Society of Motor Man-ufacturers and Traders says only 3.4 per cent of fires occ-stringent than other makes; fuel tank leakage prevented; fuel pump cut-out. Vanxhall: fuel pump cut-out; fuel-filler valve prevents leakage if car overturns. Rover: exceeds US standards on flame resis-



# **Olympics** visitors

VISITORS to the Olympics in Barcelona risk being booked into hotels condemned as fire traps by Which? (Kevin Eason writes.) The one-star Hotel Inter-

nacional in the city centre had almost no fire safety provisions and 25-metre corridors with dead-ends. Therewere no fire exit signs, no alternative stairway and fire doors were wedged open.

dead-end corridor, a "use-less" alarm system and an open stairwell which would allow smoke to spread fast.

into which British sports fans are being booked by Sportsworld, a UK Olympic tour operator. Sportsworld has taken up the dangers with the managements of the hotels.

the company, rated as satis-Spa magistrates accused of sexual offences against girls factory or better, were the Presidente in Barcelona, the at the school. Port Salou Park and Salou Princess and the Guitart Crash kills two

Waffle, spelling mistakes, poor grammar and omitting a degree were among the clangers dropped by ten CV firms tested by Which? "The most fundamental criticism was that the CVs were churned out with little or no effort to maximise the quali-ties and experience of the candidates, or relate them to their career aims."

The three-star Hotel Jaime

I in Salou had a 45-metre

The hotels are among six

The other hotels used by

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themselves, the association

escaped with a considerable amount of money and test discs. The girl and her mother, who had been the victim of two, previous raids, were shocked but not injured.

Park in Lloret de Mar.

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by helicopter. Vandal trapped A passer-by who saw a vandal damaging a phone box trapped him inside by jamming the door shut. At Dor-chester Crown Court, Justyn Walker, 20. was sent to a young offenders' institution for seven months.

# Edinburgh asks drivers to share

A city council is launching a computerised car register to cut pollution, reports Kevin Eason

EDINBURGH has some of the worst pollution in the European Community of nitrogen dioxides from car exhausts, according to a study by Edinburgh District

The city's 30,000 commuter motorists are now to be asked to share their cars to cut down on the number of vehicles flooding in and out of the city at peak periods to reduce congestion and pollution.

A study by the Royal Automobile Chib showed that up to nine out of every ten cars entering the city had only the driver. The RAC said that the city is clogged and polluted by people who probably share the same route to the office but not the same transport. The RAC the Scottish Of-The RAC, the Scottish Office and the Lothian and Edinburgh Environmental

Partnership will today launch a register to encour-age commuters to get to-gether. The scheme is based on a long running project in Los Angeles where, special fast lanes are set aside for commuters willing to share a car with fellow travellers. There set no fast lanes in Edinburgh but there could be soon if city authorities

decide to allow the car-

sharers to use bus lanes. act almost like a dating agency, cross-referencing home locations, journey its to make sure that sharers are compatible. Sharers can choose travel partners of the same or opposite sex while smokers and non-smokers can be paired.

The register also promises to filter out any risk of accidentally picking up a psychopath by checking on home backgrounds and records, which are then stored in secret. stored in secret.

Sue Nicholson, of RAC Scotland, said: scheme is capable of reduc-ing pollution levels and easing congestion but it also means that no one has to give up the comfort and personal freedom offered by the car. It can also offer big costs savings for those

burgh will be studied by dozens of cities all strugging to cope with the effects of pollution and congestion. The RAC be-lieves that a number of big cities, such as Birmingham, could benefit where commuters travel from suburbs

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Bosnia-Herzegovina is

driven by manpower limita-

tions as well as by military reservations. With 20,000

servicemen and women com-

mitted in Northern Ireland

and the three-year plan to

reduce the army by 40,000 in

progress, the government can ill afford to contemplate a

mission which could engage

thousands of troops for a long

Nato and the nine-nation

in which peacekeeping lies at the heart of military strategy. Britain has supported this

# Western European Union are committed to a security role

Rifkind: confirmed plan to cut forces

### Sarajevo peacemaking must wait in line for British military help The government's reluc-tance to become involved his predecessor Tom King. A

The government can ill afford to consider a long mission involving thousands of troops, Michael Evans writes

new role but has emphasised the importance of distinguishing between peacekeeping and peacemaking.
The distinction, which the

people of Sarajevo must be finding increasingly difficult to appreciate, is crucial for Britain because the govern-ment's defence strategy for the 1990s, under its Options for Change review, does not cover military intervention in ethnic or civil wars whether inside or outside Europe. Nor does it take into account any

new "major commitment", which would include a large scale, long-term deployment of ground forces in a peace-

keeping capacity.
Ministers have said that in the event of a significant increase in commitments, the Options for Change calculations would have to be looked at again. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, has confirmed this policy but has not yet indicated any desire to tinker with the Options for Change decisions made by

minor peacekeeping contri-bution in Croatia is not regarded as a significant new commitment and is accounted for under the options

The commitment in Northern Ireland is the main restraining factor on the government's whole military policy. Two extra battalions, the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment and the 1st Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were sent over at the end of March as reinforcements after the spate of sectarian killings. They have this week been replaced by the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards

Parachute Regiment. There is beginning to be a feeling of permanence about the reinforcement.

While the extra troops on the ground have helped to stop the cycle of sectarian murders and have provided a more visible deterrent, the heavy commitment in the province places a considerable strain on the army's manpower resources. In 1995, when the army will be cut to 104,000 trained personnel, a commitment of 20,000 troops in Ulster will represent nearly 20 per cent of total manpower.
In contingency planning

and the 2nd Battalion The mission in Croatia, the Ministry of Defence did not feel in a position to offer a heavyweight contribution and a field ambulance team of only 300 men and women were assigned to the United

Under the latest contingency plan, for supplying hu-manitarian aid to Sarajevo, military personnel sent with the food and medical supplies will be kept to the minimum.
If Britain is to play a con-

tinuing role in peacekeeping and humanitarian aid missions in the future, or if the policy on peacemaking changes, the Uster commitment will remain the key ele-

If the security demands in Ulster were to be reduced significantly, allowing a cut in the number of resident battalions, currently six, the manpower restrictions would be relieved at a stroke and Britain could more easily con-template military action with her allies.

However, at present, the withdrawal of even the two reinforcement battalions ms highly unlikely, especially at a time when the government is engaged in delicate talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

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# Kinnock calls on Labour to build trust among voters

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

NEIL Kinnock yesterday appealed to the Labour party to give his successor the chance to spend the next four years putting across policies and ideas and to build up public

The retiring leader and his deputy. Roy Hattersley, told Labour MPs that the party had had to spend too long putting things right, and not enough time putting across the message of what it stood

In what may be his last big speech to the Parliamentary Labour Party Mr Kinnock made an emotional plea to



# Police aid violence enquiry

Two Metropolitan Police officers are to be sent to South Africa to help in the investigation into township violence, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said at ques-tion time. The officers later named as Commander Tom Laidlaw and Detective Superintendent David Don — will join Professor Peter Waddington of Reading University in helping Judge Goldstone's commission of enquiry into intimidation and violence.

MP appointed



Home Office minister Michael Jack has appointed Emma Nicholson. above, the MP for Devon West and Torridge, as his parliamentary private secretary. Miss Nicholson, who was first elected to the Commons in 1987. was director of fundraising for the Save the Children Fund from 1977 to

New peers

Two of Parliament's veteran adversaries, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Denis Healey, took their seats in the House of Lords. The former Tory Chancellor and foreign secretary was introduced as Lord Howe of Aberavon, and Labour's former Chancellor and defence secretary was introduced as Lord

Jobs vacant About 75,000 school governor vacancies will need to be filled by the autumn, Eric Forth, an education minister, said in a written reply. The de-partment is confident

that enough people will

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; prime minis-ter. Debate on UK presidency of the EC. Lords (3): Debate on UK presidency of the EC.

the party not to ask the next leader to do what he had had to do in concentrating so much of his time on.

He said he had done it with enthusiasm because he knew the job had to be done, but now the new leader had to be allowed to build on what had been achieved by spending the next four years "accentuating the positive" and putting across the

The party could not go back on the policy, constitutional and organisation changes of recent years. It was a function that had to be carried out but it would be unforgivable if it had to be done all over again.

Mr Kinnock said Labour must constantly behave as a party serious about government, and display the necessary discipline and singlemindedness. "The election was about hope and fear. And it was fear that won. People hung on to the Tories even in this time of recession because of this problem of trust," he

Mr Kinnock said the number of people who lacked trust in Labour was not huge but it was substantial enough to make the difference at the election. We have to be seen as trustworthy, so trusted that when there is a big lie pro-mulgated, it does not carch on," he said.
The Labour leader said:

"What we have to do is concentrate on winning the argument and battle for the party ment and battle within the

party."
The new leadership should not be asked to deal with

FLEET Street's nobility yes-

terday rose to the defence of

the "far from perfect" world

of newspapers, fending off the need for new laws to curb

Lords of print and screen

amassed in the House of

Lords to examine alleged

abuses of privacy and polit-

ical bias, multiple ownership

of media organisations and

the likelihood of government

intervention. The debate took

place the day after comple-

tion of an 18-month proba-

tionary period in which

newspapers were given an ul-

timatum to behave more re-

sponsibly or face legislative

Lord Deedes, the former editor of The Daily Tele-

graph, was quick to dismiss the threat as "a bluff". "The

press did the government pretty well at the last election

and no government in its right sense bites the hand it feels has fed it."

Introducing the debate,

Lord Bonham-Carter, a for-

mer vice-governor of the BBC, concentrated heavily on

the need for privacy laws to

curb "intrusive and specula-tive reporting" such as that

surrounding the marriage of

the Prince and Princess of

Wales. He reserved special

condemnation for the Sun-

day Times serialisation of An-

drew Morton's book on the

£250,000 for this trash, as all

free marketeers would know.

a market has been created for

garbage.

He class sent incident in which the Murdoch, chief exector of News Corporation and the newly-

appointed president of Twentieth Century Fox for

producing a male stripper at

a conference attended by Dick Cherey, the US defence

secretary. Quoting Mr Mur-doch as saying "There are

marriage.

excesses of the press.

party reorganisation, but roust spend all of its time over the next four years accentuating the positive and putting

across its policies, he added. Mr Hattersley said that looking back now, they knew it was impossible to win by the time the general election campaign started. "What mattered was the four years that preceded it and the years before that. The tragedy for the country and the party was that we had to spend so much time putting things right in

"The legacy was not the formal connection with the trade unions but was the winter of discontent, a party of internal turmoil and chaos in the early 1980s. We did not have the opportunity or the time sufficiently to put forward the ideas to prepare people for the type of society

Mr Hattersley ruled out deals with other parties. There is no future in coalitions. There is no future in becoming another Liberal party," he said. "We must sharpen our cutting edge as a Labour party, and when the next election comes, nothing must stand in the way of our capacity to answer questions about what the party stands

A regular theme raised by speakers during the Parlia-mentary Labour Party debate vas Labour's failure to bridge the gender gap and appeal to women over 35. Mr Kinnock, referring to those remarks, said that "years of denigra-tion" of Labour had fed into that problem. It had a bigger effect on the willingness of women to vote for Labour

limits", Lord Bonham-Carter continued: "Those words might well be the theme of

this debate. There are limits.

There must be limits. And we

must decide where those lim-

Lord Stevens of Ludgate,

chairman of United Newspa-

pers, publishers of the Daily

Express and Sunday Express.

fiercely defended newpapers

against charges of political

bias during the election. Lab-our leaders had alleged that

their central economic poli-

cies had been distorted by the

Tory press. "Now, with passions cooling, some are starting to admit that the

message, not the press, was at

He was accused of being

"far too complacent" by Lord Ardwick, a former Daily Her-

ald editor and former Daily

Mirror group political advis-

er, who said that he and

colleagues "got up to some

its are drawn."

Press threats dismissed as 'bluff'

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ROBERT MORGAN

Lord Wyatt: called for French-style restrictions



to resort to some sort of gov-

ernment regulation of the

Lady Birk, a newspaper

and magazine journalist of

many years' standing, wind-

ing up for the Opposition,

said it was a seductive idea to

legislate just to restrict inva-

sions of privacy. But she did

not believe it could be done. It

would have an adverse effect

on the freedom of the press

which had been fought for

a statutory hammer we will be

hitting not only the freedom

of the press but the freedom of

the individual." She went on:

"It is essential in our demo-

cratic society to have a press

which constantly scrutinises

the government, the executive

and is free to so without fear.

Viscount Astor, winding up for the government, said: "I

am not in a position to tell you

precisely how the review of

the 18-month period will be

carried out nor by whom nor

over what timescale. But the

government hopes to be in a

position to make an an-

nouncement soon. We want a

lively and reliable press and a

well-informed public, but not

at our own expense. We are

readier to read about the pri-

vate affairs of others than to

read about our own. We are

voyeurs of the troubles of others. But we should distinguish

between the right to know

and what the public just de-

On cross-media ownership,

he said that the Broadcasting

Act imposed a number of

restrictions on controlling

newspapers and licensed tele-

vision and radio services.

The government keeps the

araangement under careful

review and so far the govern-

ment have seen nothing which would seem to justify

lights to know.

governmental agencies

"If we hit the problem with

over the centuries.

prime minister's questions, after he retires commentator and columnist.

pretty good tricks on the Dai-

Labour party".

Lord Wyatt of Weeford, the columnist Woodrow Wyatt.

called for French-style restric-

tions on press invasion into

privacy, saying that a Press Complaints Commission

dominated by the profession

"would always be a toothless

dog". The serialisation of the

book on the Princess of Wales

"would have been aborted before birth" in France

because of their privacy laws.

Such legislation in Britain

"would have nothing to do

with censuring the press in

their legitimate interests" and

would not protect the likes of

Robert Maxwell from being

Monifieth, a former chair-

man of the Independent

It would be a very sad day I

Broadcasting Authority, said:

think if Britain felt compelled

Thomson

Mirror in support of the

John Cole, left, who is retiring as the BBC's in the autumn. He will also report for successor, Robin Oakley, political editor of ed political editor of The Times in succession to Robin Oakley. Mr Riddell will Westminster Live. BBC2's live coverage of continue as The Times's principal political

# Bill aims to end secrecy

BY ROBERT MORGAN

A BILL to require people in public life, including police officers, to declare whether they are freemasons was introduced in the Commons yesterday by Chris Mullin, Labour MP for Sunderland South. The bill, he said, had support in high places because in 1986, in response to a questionnaire sent to all MPs. John Major affirmed that he was in favour of such declarations.

The bill did not ask public servants to renounce freemasonry, it merely asked them to renounce secrecy, he said. "If grown men wish to wear aprons, bare their breasts and indulge in strange rituals, that is entirely a matter for

The measure has all-party support, but is unlikely to become law. It is set down for second reading on Friday, November 13.

Mr Mullin said that his bill was entirely consistent with the government's policy of

creating a classless society.

BBC's director-general, said the priorities were to maintain audience loyalty, and also to seize new broadcasting opportunities, Sir David Gillmore said that broadcasts in Bulgarian,

Czech, Polish, Hungarian and Russian were given high priority in the wake of the collapse of the Soviet bloc. But the Foreign Office was looking again at possible cuts in the World Service's French in Europe and German transmissions.

The BBC was looking for money-raising schemes and, from yesterday had agreed to hive off spare transmission time to Radio Japan for £700,000 a year.

A survey by the NAO found that up to 15 per cent of the population in some countries receiving the World Service could not find the programme on their radios. Reception was worst in Sierra Leone, Hungary, Turkey and

# ment in deciding how big and Jobless figures undermine Tory economy record

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FEWER people have jobs to-day than in 1979, according to a new report Labour is drawing up to spearhead a summer assault on the government's economic record.

As unemployment has risen over the past two years to more than 2.7 million, ministers have been able to blunt Opposition attacks on their management of the economy by pointing to their success in creating new jobs. However, this defence is undermined by the latest survey carried out by Henry McLeish, a frombench employment spokesman.

Drawing on official figures, it finds that for the first time in many years, the employed labour force is lower than

World

Service

wins new

freedom

BY SHEILA GUNN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC World Service is to

be given greater freedom

from government control over where and what pro-

grammes can be broadcast. Sir David Gillmore, per-

manent secretary at the For-

that he was willing to concede

to the BBC's demand for a

greater degree of autonomy

His comments followed criti

cism by the National Audit

Office that every small

change in World Service out-

put had to be cleared by the

In spite of the officials' con-trol, John Tusa, managing director of the BBC World

Service, told the Commons

public accounts committee

that the Foreign Office gave

instant approval to his re-

quest during the Soviet crisis to extend broadcasts from

7am to 10pm with an hourly

news bulletin to the republics.

officials on the report, Sir Michael Checkland, the

When the MPs questioned

Foreign Office.

ign Office, said yesterday

when the Conservatives came to power. In Great Britain, it has dropped from 24,620,000 in December 1979 to 24,429,000 in December 1991, a fall of 191,000. Since then, the employed

labour force has continued shrinking, falling by another 94,000 to the end of April. Over the 12 years, the number of people looking for work has risen by 1,641,000.

Commenting on the survey, a draft copy of which has been passed to The Times, Mr McLeish said that it gave the most up-to-date picture of employment and unemploy ment during the period of Tory government.
"Using largely unpublished

figures from the employment department, our research reveals the extent of Conservative economic failure and exposes once and for all the government claims that the Eighties were a 'golden era' for employment growth. The failure to create em-

ployment is one of the most damning indictments of government economic policy and competence. We are simply unprepared to deal with the challenges of the Ninenes." Labour will formally

launch the report next week as part of a wider effort to capitalise on the failure of the economy to bounce back after the Conservatives election victory.

\_ During the campaign, its

leaders were hamstrung in their efforts to make unemployment an issue by the gow ernment's counter-argument highlighting the growth in jobs under Tory rule. For instance, the Conservative campaign guide said that despite recent increases in untwo million more people in work than in 1983. The figures cited by Mr McLeish only became available after the election.

Conservative MPs, who are becoming increasingly restive about the sluggish pace of recovery, will view the latest figures with concern. Many believe that unemployment will top three million by next year and they will be worned by the latest evidence that the supply of new jobs appears to be drying up.

Mr McLeish's report paints a gloomy picture of job prospects. It says that the rapid growth in jobs after the 1979-81 recession is unlikely to be repeated this time.

The government was fortunate after the first recession in the Eighties. A combina-tion of deregulation in the labour market, the 'big bang' in the City and an explosion of part-time female employment largely in the service sector ensured a significant increase in the number of people in work and a fall in the numbers of unemployed.

"This is unlikely to be repeated in the Nineties. Service sector productivity is low and there is unlikely to be scope for significant employment growth. Employment in manufacturing is unlikely to fall much further, but there is little prospect of increased numbers," the report says,

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# Menem may visit Major

Baroness

PRESIDENT Menem of Argentina may visit Britain if relations between the two countries continue to improve, Baroness Chalker, the Foreign Office minister, said yesterday. She told the Lords at

question time that Señor Menem had met the prime minister briefly during the recent Rio Earth summit. There was now a chance the president might come to Britain, the first visit by an Argentinian leader since long before the Falklands war of 1982.

Thatcher, present in the chamber, Lady Chalker said she regretted that Argenti-na still maintained its claim to the Falkland Islands.
She was responding to concern expressed by some peers over whether Britain

minister,

was capable of mounting a defence of the islands similar to that which took place under Lady Thatcher if a new military threat occurred.
Labour's defence spokes
man, Lord Williams of Elvel.

ar of 1982. said that on all the evidence With the former prime available it would be "im-

1982 expedition which re-took the islands from Argentina, given the present size of Britain's naval and merchant fleets and the composition of its armed lady Chalker insisted

possible" to repeat the

"At the present time, we certainly could, if we had to, mount such an exercise again. But we should work for the positive, construc-tive relationship which seems to be coming be-tween ourselves and Argentina so that this will never again be necessary."

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# Waldegrave charter plan for Brussels FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THERE was deep scepticism in Brussels yesterday as William Waldegrave, the citizen's charter minister, said that the charter might cross the Channel and be applied to the European Commission. To accept Baroness Thatcher's recent remark on the Maastricht treaty, that might be an ambition too far.

As part of the programme of events linked to the sixmonth British presidency of the EC, John Major will open a conference in December devoted to ideas for toning up public services and hope to export the charter's efficiency prescriptions to Brussels. The prime minister apparently refrained from raising the subect at yesterday's encounter between ministers and EC

Paris: The French referendum on Maastricht is to be held on September 20 (Charles Bremner writes). The government's announcement came yesterday with opinion polls showing growing public support for European integration. In ignoring calls from EC leaders for a swift vote, President Mitterrand has set the stage for a long political summer likely to see further disarray among treaty opponents.

commissioners in London. But could the charter change the Community's soggy bureaucracy?

Applying the British version directly will not work because the Commission does not run a railway, do gailbladder operations or lose anybody's social security papers. The only service that the Commission offers is framing, implementing and enforcing policies decided by councils of national ministers. Twenty-three director-ates draft directives on subjects from coypu to capital adequacy. Governments mess the text about, the European parliament adds a little obstruction and, if the country in the chair keeps everyone up late enough to grand

down resistance, an EC law is

ous advocate of European unification and one of the handful of Britons ever to have run a big Commission directorate, wrote recently that "political intrigue has flourished like a science-fiction weed, stifling reasoned advice from senior officials; internally the Commission has come to resemble Tammany Hall with a French accent." In the past month, the Commission has taken a huge share of the blame for the Danish rejection of the Maastricht treaty while overambitious governments have resolutely refused to examine

more open? Many years will pass before Whitehall can lecture Brussels on open goverment Documents with a diagonal strip saying "secret" in eight languages leak from Commission officials by the lorryload. Leaking is the accepted method by which gov-ernments and individual commissioners gain their edge over rivals. One recent Italian commissioner used to duck out of the Commission's regular Wednesday meeting while proceedings were still under way to relay his version of events to the Italian press

Could Eurocrats be pri-vatised? The Commission's defenders say its problems stem not from a bloated payroll but from understaffing. That claim was undermined recently by John Carey, the British member of the EC's financial watchdog, the court of auditors. Giving a personal opinion on the Commission's request for a 30 per cent increase in the EC budget, Mr Carey said that because it was so hard to define how effective EC staff were, more money might just make the place still less efficient.

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eventually passed. Sir Roy Denman, a vocifer-

their own consciences.

Could the Commission be

Leading article and

Walk-on roles: John Major and Jacques Delors take the stage at a London press conference yesterday to mark the start of Britain's presidency of the European Community

# Walesa urges Community to open up

PRESIDENT Walesa yesterday asked the European Community to honour its commitments to central Europe and to use the next six months to promote the benefits of Community membership to the East.

Speaking in an interview with The Times to mark the British presidency of the Community, the Polish president emphasised that Poland was not, contrary to appearwas not, contrary to appearances, spinning out of control. He was talking in his large study in the Sejm (parliament) after hearing Waldemar Pawlak, the prime minister, admit that he was still unable to present a certificat unable to present a cabinet. Even Mr Pawiak, 33, a sober and solidly imperturbable farmer, gave a warning of chaos around the corner.

"Look," said the president pointing to the coffee cups in front of him. "If my wife came here she would say that this table looks a mess because the dishes have not been set evenly. But the table was set by professional waiters who believe it looks all right. It's similar when evaluating chaos and uncertainty — it's a completely subjective iudement.

The absence of a government was not holding up the essential process of reform. About 40 per cent of small industry is in private hands

The Polish president, in an interview in Warsaw with Roger Boyes, insists that, in spite of appearances to the contrary, his country is not spinning out of control

already. These people simply don't want a government to disturb them." The Polish authorities were not ordering police into action, as in some Western countries, against protesting farmers blocking the roads. Even the bungled attempt at a political takeover - when Jan Olszewski, the former prime minister, disclosed the secret police backgrounds of key politicians — was, said the president, "a high-quality coup, based on

It could, in other words, be far worse. But Europe (with Britain now in the pivotal role) had to do its bit to help stabilise the economic and political climate in central Europe. In presenting his government programme (though not his cabinet) vesterday. Mr Pawlak said his priority was to ratify the European Community associ-ation agreement with Warsaw. President Walesa went

arguments and not force."

The time had come, he said in the interview, for Europe to "speak less and do more". There was, he acknowledged,

look at all depressed about this new government failure.

If Mr Pawlak fails — and the president seems to reckon with the possibility - then Mr Walesa has two further options. "The first is that I some anti-European rhetoric in Poland, from those exform a government and apdissidents who placed an point a careraker prime min-

overriding value on Polish sovereignty, but "the Europebecome premier myself." Poan Community agreement land, however, was still some provides so much that if even way from the prospect of Mr only half of it is implemented, Walesa taking over the dousociety would quickly change ble function of president and its mind about Europe." Both sides, the Community and the No. he emphasised, he was Poles, should do their utmost not considering resignation. to publicise the benefits of He understood President Ha-Community membership vel's position and that his Czech coileague might have to step down if he loses Friand create a pro-European constituency that would in turn strengthen support for market reform.

day's first presidential vote. Havel fought for freedom It was plain yesterday that too, but for freedom for the President Walesa is rather Czechs and the Slovaks living enjoying the absence of a in one state. If that gets out of government. For six months his control then he would be he was in a state of siege with the government of Mr right in refusing further responsibility." said Mr Olszewski, fighting for con-trol over foreign, defence and internal security matters. Now as Mr Pawlak scrambles to put together the coalition government, the president is

Poland, however, was not in such a critical condition. Indeed it was considerably better placed than Czechoslovakia. He would thus stay in the presidency until somebody put forward a plausible and legal alternative. "I really hate this job ... but I'm dedicated to it.

and yet when I woke up all

bets were off." He did not

ster. The last option is that I

# Farm subsidy will rise despite reform

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE reform of the European Community's common agricultural policy (CAP), finalised in Luxembourg yesterday, should bring savings on food prices and improve the chances for liberalising world trade, but there will be no immediate cut in the cost of supporting the EC's nine million farmers.

Consumers may well ask what all the fuss has been about as they are unlikely to notice much difference. The changes will be phased in over three years and at best will probably mean that prices will rise slower then they might have done.

Yet the reforms do represent a sharp break with earlier CAP philosophy. Hitherto, the EC has relied almost entirely on the mechanism of farm price support. From now on a large part of the subsidy paid to farmers will come in the form of a direct supplement to their income, which is more visible and manageable.

The old system virtually guaranteed farmers a minimum price for as much as they could produce. Once the price had been set - and political pressures invariably

leaders and certain groups in

Russia and Ukraine to re-

move Romania from the

peace process.

At present, the violence in

Transdnestr is discussed at a

four-party forum in which the

Romanian foreign minister

takes an equal place along-side his Moldavian, Russian

and Ukrainian counterparts.

Mr Snegur, who was talk-ing to an invited group of

Moldavian and foreign re-

porters, in Kishinev, ex-

pressed satisfaction with the

views given by Andrei Kozy-

rev. the Russian foreign min-

ister, in an interview with

Izvestia newspaper yesterday. He described Mr Kozyrev's

approach as "sensible" and "sober-minded" and noted that it differed from views

expressed by other Russian

leaders. In the article, the

Russian foreign minister ap-peared to condemn Alek-

sandr Rutskoi, the vice-presi-

dent, and cenain military

leaders who have recom-

mended that Russia take a

more aggressive approach to regional disputes.

Moldavia accuses the for-

mer Soviet 14th army, now

under Russian jurisdiction but still based on Moldavian

soil, of fighting alongside sep-aratist Slavs and former com-

munists demanding indepen-

ensured that it was set too high - almost the only limit on expenditure was the physical exhaustion of farmers. livestock and the land.

At the heart of the reforms is a 29 per cent cut over three years in the cereal support price, with smaller price cuts for beef and dairy farmers. Farmers will be compensated for the cereal price cut by direct grants, which are expected to average £83 an acre in Britain, provided they leave 15 per cent of their arable land fallow each year. On the face of it, one kind

of subsidy would seem merely to have replaced another. Certainly, there will be no immediate relief for the EC taxpayer. The EC's farm budget, which is already running at £23 billion and accounts for nearly two-thirds of all Community expenditure, is expected to go on rising for at least three or four years.

The National Farmers' Union estimates that members will suffer a 16 per cent drop in income by 1997 as a result of the reforms. Independent economists claim that most farmers will be neither much better nor worse

# **Princess** Caroline annulment

The Varican announced yesterday that it had granted a marriage annulment to Princess Caroline of Monaco, below, but emphasised that she had not received special treat



ment. The ruling, made 10 years after she first requested an annulment, means her 1978 marriage to Frenchman Philippe Junot was never valid in the eyes of the church and she can now marry again within the church.

The church never recognised her divorce from M Junot in 1980 or her civil marriage in 1983 to Italian Stefano Casiraghi, who died in an offshore boating accident in 1990.

The Japanese foreign minister, Michio Watanabe, 68, is expected to leave hospital later this month after gallstone surgery, his office said.

Willie Williams, the first black Los Angeles police chief, was sworn in outlining an ambitious programme of reforms, but offering no im-mediate cure for the city's many ills.

General John Galvin, 44, Supreme allied commander in Europe for the past five years. officially retired from the army at a ceremony in Arlington. Virginia.

Former boxing champion Mike Tyson has dropped out of school at the prison where he is serving a six-year sen-tence for rape, and is working in the recreation department.

# Rouble convertibility plans are held back by Russians FROM BRICE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE Russian rouble's

the free currency markets of the world ebbed further yesterday as the government admitted a huge increase in the domestic money supply and faced pressure to slacken the fiscal reins even further. Instead of the full convertibility that was to come into effect at the beginning of July, the authorities went ahead with the much more cautious, though still painful enough, step of introducing a single rate for Russian enterprises to buy and sell hard currency. The move will end the old

chances of taking its place on

procure dollars at absurdly subsidised rates. Higher prices for imported raw materials will compound the already staggering debt burden of Russian industry. whose future is causing bitter acrimony between the gov-ernment and its hardline critics in parliament and on the

system where corporations

with political muscle, starting with the defence sector, could

On the positive side, the new unitary rate, supposed to be set by the central bank in rough accordance with market trends, should make it more attractive for Russian exponers to bring their prof-

its home. At the moment, billions of dollars of Russian export earnings are illegally kept offshore, leaving West-ern aid donors to plug the country's ever-growing balance of payments shortfall.

Yet the prospects for fully deregulating Russia's currency market took a fresh knock vesterday as Yegor Gaidar, the prime minister, acknowledged to parliament that public spending had ballooned wildly in May after four months of relative restraint. The public sector deficit for 1997 is now principal. cit for 1992 is now projected at 588 billion roubles (nearly £3 billion) or about three times the level targeted in March. In May alone it amounted to 60 billion

"We are beginning to spend more than we can aff-ord in terms of the need to maintain a stable monetary unit." the prime minister said, only to be urged by Rusian Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, to slash revenues further by cutting unpopular sales taxes. Parliament adopted a draft budget for the rest of the year on its first reading but can still make substantial

changes.
Faced with such profligacy.

the financial world would almost certainly give a massive vote of no confidence to a freely convertible rouble, even if it was backed up by the \$6 billion (£3.1 billion) stabilisation fund which has

been promised by the West.
Burgeoning public debt is already having its effect on the restricted foreign exchange market that now functions in Moscow, in the form of small twice-weekly auctions instituted by the cen-tral bank. The rouble's rate at these sessions has sagged over the past fortnight to 146 per dollar after holding steady. thanks to relentless central bank intervention, at around 125 for the previous three menths.

Russia's commercial banks are holding back from selling foreign exchange, apparently because they feel confident that the rouble will weaken further. The central bank has also stackened its efforts to prop up the Russian currency. One reason for this is that the auctions were being used by other Soviet republics to buy "cheap" dollars which could then immediately be resold at a profit in Kiev or

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# Germany sets record budget

refully exploiting the limbo.

When I went to bed at mid-

night it seemed that he

[Pawlak] had found a govern-

ment," said the president,

FROM IAN MURRAY

GERMANY'S cabinet yesterday approved a tough draft budget for next year which is meant to convince the world that Germany's days as a big spender are over. It nevertheless involves record expenditure of 435.65 billion marks (£150 billion). Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, said one mark in five would be spent on rebuilding the east. There have been wide-

spread savings, among them a small cut from the European fighter aircraft project. Germany is still committed to contribute up to 3 billion marks towards the plane's development costs between now and 1999, but the decision to neither buy nor build the aircraft in its present form is meant to silence strong public disapproval of all post-Cold war defence spending. At the same time, the con-

tinuing emphasis on spending in eastern Germany is designed to accelerate the dif-licult process of unification. which has been causing so many domestic problems for Herr Kohl and his government.

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# Moldavia elects new NEWS IN BRIEF leader to curb war

BY MARY DEJEVSKY IN KISHINEV AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MOLDAVIA chose a new prime minister yesterday to grapple with its ethnic and economic problems amid fresh fighting between government forces and Russian separatists.

Andrei Sangeli, approved by 185 out of 244 deputies in parliament, pledged to take emergency measures to "stop the war against our country" and settle the disoute over the Russian breakaway Transdnestr mini-republic by nego-

His appointment came as President Snegur of Molda-via announced yesterday that he was to meet President Yeltsin in Moscow on Sunday to discuss how to enforce the ceaselire agreed last week in Istanbul. Mr Snegur also



# said that Moldavia would resist attempts by Transdnestr

dence for the eastern Transdnestr region. President Snegur had said last week that Moldavia, a former Soviet republic of 4.3 million people that has an ethnic

Romanian majority, was effectively at war with Russia. Transdnestr authorities said ten people were killed and 30 wounded in Moldavian shelling of the region on Tuesday night. On Tuesday it said 425 of its people had been killed since March.

# Sacked man kills seven

Paris: An unemployed factory worker shot dead six people and wounded five at his old workplace in eastern France yesterday before killing himself, local authorities

The 25-year-old man, who was not immediately named. had lost his job at the machine-tool factory in Besancon. near the Swiss border, two months earlier.

"We were at work on the shopfloor. We heard gunshots and screams. People were panicking and running all over the place." one worker told a radio station. Police sharpshooters moved into position around the factory, but the man committed suicide before they had a chance to intervene. (Reuter)

### Gold payout

Stockholm: Sweden is to repay Estonia and Lithuania gold deposits now worth about \$47.5 million (£25 million; which it handed over to the Soviet Union in 1940, after the annexation of the two countries. (Reuter)

### City flooded

Bucharest: Floods engulfed much of the Romanian Black Sea port of Constanta, killing a woman. The floods, which came after heavy rain, reached the roofs of singlestorey buildings in western parts of the city. (Reuter)

# Dog legged

Amsterdam: A Dutch driver broke his leg after he left his automatic car running to open his garage and his pet dog jumped into it. nudged the gear stick, and trapped him against a wall. (Reuter)

# UN commander braves snipers to survey Sarajevo

FROM JOHN HOLLAND IN SARAJEVO

General Lewis MacKen-zie, the UN commander in Sarajevo, yesterday braved the snipers to go on a walkabout, touring the burned out shells of hundreds of buildings in the city's historic old centre with Ejup Ganic the Bosnian vice president. General MacKenzie, who

lived in the old town for three months earlier this year, was making his first trip back since fighting in-tensified. As he left the UN headquarters he said he was very much looking forward to going back." An hour lat-er, as he left, he looked rater, as he left, he housed rat-iled by the hearby bursts of automatic weapons fire. UN officials are relieved

that the fighting has signifi-cantly died down. But the sniper war has continued to take innocent lives - such as people out for a walk for the first time after many days in a shelter. There is a fear that both sides are preparing to create a provoca-tion which will draw UN forces and perhaps American military units into a wider conflagration. The general said he was

encouraged by the efforts he

has led to reopen Sarajevo

airport to humanitarian re-

lief flights. "We can't hang on to an expensive piece of

real estate and not use it."

he said. The general also was

looking forward to the arriv-

al of 300 UN vehicles filled



Mitterrand: used helicopter on visit with over 1,000 fellow Canadian soldiers mobilised from

their barracks in Croatia,

who are coming to secure the airport proper. Approxi-mately eight Swedish trucks are also part of the convoy. which is being joined by French UN technicians driving in from Belgrade.

General Mackenzie also had words of praise for his men, who have worked under hazardous conditions unlike any other experienced by a similar UN unit in wartime. They really turned an unfortunate situation into something they should be very proud of from a professional standpoint." General MacKenzie then

climbed back into his

armoured personnel carrier to take him to the airport.

where over 100 military

French specialists are working around the clock to get the control tower functioning again to allow relief flights to resume.
UN officials say they are

hopeful that the Canadian convoy will speed the process of bringing relief to the city. So far only four French relief planes have managed to get in, and one of those flew out yesterday morning carrying the helicopter used by President Mitterrand on his visit.

But UN officials privately remain sceptical that the convoy from Croatia will have a smooth passage to the airport itself, as there are numerous Bosnian Serb checkpoints to manoeuvre.

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# ANC gives go-ahead for the Olympics

THE African National Congress announced yesterday that it would not oppose the participation of South African athletes at the Barcelona Olympics later this month, but east doubt on other inter-

national sporting contacts.
As African heads of state met in Dakar, Senegal, to discuss their response to the stalled constitutional negotiations in South Africa and the massacre in Boipatong township on June 17, the ANC said in Johannesburg that "all current pre-arranged fix-tures will go ahead." But it added that no new tours or sporting contacts should be negotiated. The statement ended speculation that the ANC wanted South Africa cast back into the sporting

A United Nations initiative in the South African reform process was looking likely after representatives of 51 states at the Organisation of African Unity summit in Dakar said that they looked forward to a permanent UN presence in South Africa. They backed Nelson Mandela's condemnation of the President de Klerk's government, its role in the massacre

UN participation is looking likely in attempts to break the impasse in the South African negotiations, writes Sam Kiley, Africa correspondent

and its alleged involvement in township violence. But the OAU, many of whose members wish to develop trading links with South Africa, did not call for sporting, cultural or economic boycotts.

OAU leaders also backed calls for the UN to assume a mediating role in trying to bring the African National Congress and Pretoria back to the negotiating table. Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has accepted an invitation to visit South Africa and moderates said they hoped his arrival in South Africa might strengthen Mr de Klerk's hand against rogue elements of the state security apparatus ac-

very precise, that there is a consensus for a UN pres-ence." Dr Bouros Ghali said, noting that he had met with the ANC, the South African government and other groups. He said that he would raise the matter in the security council next week but added that it was too early to say what form the UN presence would take.

This week more than 100 South African companies have been displaying their wares in Nairobi. Hundreds of Kenyans have been pouring into the exhibition hall to see South African technology and sample Castle lager. The Kenyan government, which has backed the exhibition with enthusiasm, hopes to steal a trade march on other African countries.

Describing Mr de Klerk's dilemma, a senior member of the South African diplomatic corps said: "On the one hand he does not appear to be able to stop these terrible atrocities. On the other he has to have cast iron proof that they are being committed by members of the security services before he can move



Young gun: Captain Valentine Strasser, 27, Sierra Leone's new military leader, talking at the Organisation

# Aid ship arrives in Aden

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FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ADEN, YEMEN

A FRENCH navy ship arrived yesterday with 30 tons of badly needed food, medicine. blankers and tents for thousands of Somali refugees. It was the first such operation by a Western nation since the influx of Somalis to Yemen began months ago.

The shipment was brought from France's naval base at Djibouti aboard a 195ft, 280ton landing craft. A United Nations official in Aden said that the supplies would be distributed to the tens of thou-sands of Somalis in the Aden area. Priority would be given to nearly 4,000 who have been crammed into a squalid beach camp since they arrived on board two crowded ships last week.

 Harare: Zimbabwe is to provide a meal a day to 750,000 children under five who are facing starvation because of drought, John Nkomo, the social welfare minister, announced yesterday. The number of children needing the food is expected to rise to more than a million by September, he said. (AFP)

# cused of being behind many atrocities in South Africa. against them. A pre-emptive of African Unity summit in Dakar, Senegal. He is one of the youngest leaders to address the OAU A butter-like taste without the bu

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Now you can really start putting the knife in.



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# Violence takes toll of both sides in township conflict

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

On a front page this week, The Star, a Johannesburg daily, printed a picture of a man with a machete hacking at the body of another who, it said, had been beaten

After the photographer had been chased away at gunpoint, the wounded man was "necklaced": in a technique invented by the ANC, a tyre soaked in petrol was placed around him and he was burnt. The incl. and he was burnt. The incident took place during Monday's mass funeral for the victims of the Boipa-tong massacre. The dead man was said to have been a member of the Inkatha

Freedom party.
The mainly Zulu party is blamed for many acts of terror against township dwellers in the southern Transvaal and Natal. The inhabitants of the KwaMadala hostel just outside Boipatong, a refuge for Zuius, are blamed for the deaths and injuries on the

night of June 17. What is not so widely reported is that Boipatong was no isolated incident; nor is the violence one-sided. The previous weekend, three people were mur-dered in the township be-

with Inkatha. One was a woman named Nomvula, who had been going out with a hostel resilent. Another was David Mbele, 37, a teacher who was known locally as "a real Zulu". His home was at-tacked by a large crowd on the Saturday, and he was shot while running away. The badiy charred body of a third person, B. L. Khumalo, an inkatha member, was retrieved by police from his burnt-out car on Sunday. None of this excess the

dreadful events of June 17. But it goes a little way to explaining them. It is also worth pointing out that while the massacre of Boipatong has brought a host of international antiapartheid dignitaries to the country, has resulted in the breakdown of talks with the government on a new con-stitution, and a renewal of the moratorium on international sporting contacts. and may well prove to have been a turning point in South Africa's history, a similar massacre two months earlier produced no such effect.

The April atrocity took place at the Crossroads squatter camp near Germiston, east of here. Twenty-three people, including women and children, were killed when migrant workers swarmed out of the Kutalo hostel on the night of April 7. No local or international figures showed

In Bolpatong, the ANC I rules, lukatha is the dominant political organisation in Crossroads. The kilfers in Boipatong were said to have been Zulus. At Crossroads they were said to have been "Xhosa-speaking - thinly disguised code for ANC members.

Inkatha does not have the international appeal of the ANC Indeed, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, its leader, was forced to cut short a visit to America because of hostility to its role in the violence.

Inkatha members have a great deal to answer for, the traffic in South Afican township mayhem is not all-one way.

# Police open fire on Cape Town march

FROM REUTER IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African police fired shotguns and plastic bullets at black anti-government demonstrators in central Cape Town yesterday. Several people in the crowd of about 4,000 were wounded.

Trouble erupted when marchers surrounded a white man alone in a car, beating on the roof and kicking the sides. The driver crashed through the crowd in apparent panic, knocking down at least one of the leaders of the

In Johannesburg, South Africa's largest trade union organisation said it will launch a general strike of on August 3 unless the go ernment acts decisively to speed democracy reforms. Jay Naidoo, general secretary of the 1.3 million member. Congress of South African Trade Unions (Costtu) news. conference strike would be

can National Congress on June 16 to demand govern-ment action to end violence in the fownships and to implement speedy constitutional

reforms.
Cosatu fisted eight de-mands, including majority rule, an end to political violence, wage increases above the rate of inflation, lower food prices and an end to redundancies. Mr Naidoo said the organisation had tak-en the decision at an execu-tive meeting attended by lead-ers of the ANC and the South

African Communist party. He reiterated a call for the closure of hostels associated with township violence, an end to covert operations by the white-led security forces and agreement by Pretoria to involve unions and anti-apartheid groups in economic planning. But Nico Czyp-ionka, chief economist at Standard Bank, one of the comery's five biggest, said he suite was sustainable beyond days because workers

# Boudiaf funeral is grim reminder of an Islamic time-bomb



Boudiaf: mourned as

HUNDREDS of thousands of people lined the streets of Algiers yesterday for the funeral of Muhammad Boudiaf, their assassinated president. Emotions were high and one of his colleagues from the war of independence died of a harmonic thousands.

died of a heart attack.

Special security measures were in force. Police officers lined the route of the funeral procession and a military helicopter hovered overhead. The authorities were determined that the funeral should not become the target of terrorist attack.

Shortly after midday the coffin was carried from the presidential palace to an army lorry at the start of its progress through Algiers. Behind the hearse was a second army lorry laden with

wreaths followed by a long line of black official cars.

People living in and around

People living in and around Algiers were given the afternoon off and hundreds of thousands turned out to pay tribute to one of the men who led the country to independence. The mood of indifference that had reigned in Algiers since Monday was broken as people cheered and waved Algerian flags as the cortège made its way through the city. Young men ran alongside and behind.

"He was our last hope and Algeria is now lost," one said. "There is nothing we can do now, just pray to God."

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The funeral procession reached the grand mosque at Martyrs' Square accompanied by a large crowd singing and chanting "Chadli assas-

Emotional scenes yesterday bore witness to the dangers confronting the Arab world, write Alfred Hermida in Algiers and Christopher Walker in Cairo

sin". Chadli Benjedid was the former president who is blamed for the country's drift

After a brief ceremony at the mosque Mr Boudias's body was taken to the national cemetery for burial. Ceremonial drummers led the procession, followed by government ministers and visiting dignitaries. Among them were Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, and Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Uncertainty still surrounds who was behind the assassination. At least 12 people have been arrested. Initial suspicion fell on the country's Islamic fundamentalist movement, which was prevented from taking power when the military called off elections at the beginning of the year. But a spokesman for the main Muslim party, the banned Islamic Salvation

Front, denied involvement.

Mr Boudiaf's funeral was
the grimmest reminder yet of
the Islamic time-bomb now

ticking under authoritarian Arab regimes from the Gulf to the Atlantic. The recognition of the danger was highlighted when both Egypt and Iraq, buter foes in the Gulf war, separately declared three-day mourning periods for a man their people hardly knew.

Western concern is greatest for Egypt, which is pivotal to the revived efforts to bring peace to the Middle East. In recent weeks it has seen an escalation in the war against fundamentalism, with the assassination of Farag Foda, the secularist writer, the arrest of 500 Islamic suspects, the seizure of 470 illegal weapons, and a terrorist

gal weapons, and a terrorist attack on the Karnak temple. Even before the shock waves sent through Egypt by Mr Boudiat's death, the Carro government was planning draconian new laws against fundamentalists. These will supersede the emergency law introduced in 1981. Among other things they will extend the 45-day period for legal detention without trial.

Liberals have opposed the move, urging instead more democracy as a weapon against Muslim militants. But officials claim that whenever Western-style freedoms have been offered in the Arab world it is the fundamentalists who have profited.

The hereditary rulers of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have both said that Western democracy is incompatible with Islam. Tunisia, the country most likely to be af-

fected by the violence in Algeria, was furious at the decision to allow the Islamic Salvation Front to contest the now-annulled December poll. A policy of repression was then already under way in Tunisia, with the main Islamic movement El-Nahda ("The Awakening") banned, mass arrests and harassment of those wearing beards or veils.

In Libya, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has imprisoned hundreds of fundamentalists. Should his regime be toppled by United Nations sanctions over Lockerbie, even his critics believe Islamic militants will benefit.

Small wonder, then, that the question being asked in the nervous atmosphere after Mr Boudial's funeral is: how long can the lid be kept on?

# Setback for Rabin's coalition as key parties reject policy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S victorious Labour Party suffered a setback yesterday in its efforts to form a broad-based coalition when two key smaller parties on the right and left rejected a Labour policy document for a future government.

future government.

The left-wing Meretz party, which won 12 seats in last week's election, and the right-wing Tsomet party, with eight, complained that Labour's guidelines for the next government were too vague on the key issue of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

In particular, Meretz accused Yitzhak Rabin of fudg-

# US wants lorries to Iraq searched

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

ALARMED at the increase in embargo-breaking trade with Baghdad, the Bush administration, backed by Britain, is to ask the United Nations to order its inspectors in Iraq to search lorries entering the country from Jordan. The move comes after the refusal by King Husain of Jordan to co-operate more fully with attempts to enforce sanctions.

The White House's plan, also backed by Saudi Arabia and Turkey, has as much to do with undermining domestic criticism of the outcome of the Gulf war as it has with hindering President Saddam Hussein's efforts to rebuild Iraq. The survival of the Iraqi leader has become embarrassing for President Bush.

Last week, Robert Gates, the director of the CIA, went

secretly to Amman to ask King Husain to help in enforcing the UN embargo. According to administration officials, the king dismissed a plan to site UN inspectors at the Red Sea port of Aqaba to turn back Iraq-bound cargo. US intelligence agencies believe Saddam is strengthening his position with the



Husain: rejected CIA chief's request for help

help of increased supplies. A national intelligence estimate suggests almost 30 per cent of sanction-breaking supplies enter Iraq from Jordan. Although King Husain turned down the CIA request, he did agree to co-operate in covert actions designed to foment Iraqi opposition to Saddam, White House sources

The administration believes that the plan could be put into effect using existing UN resolutions on trade and Iraq. UN personnel could be used to search lorries from

Jordan.
Most of the trade embargo effort falls on a multinational naval force. This force can search ships bound for Iraq. but it is powerless to stop cargo labelled for Jordan.

ing the issue of a freeze on the expansion of the communities, while Tsomet, headed by the former general Rafael Eitan, said the text falled to safeguard adequately the

country's security needs.

Shulamit Aloni, the Meretz leader, criticised the draft platform for suggesting that a future government would "strengthen settlements along confrontation lines", a vague phrase that could be interpreted as encouraging Jewish colonisation of the occupied territories. "I do not think this is acceptable to us," she said. "We are not sure we want to sit in such a government."

Her views were echoed by Mr Eitan, whose party supports the settler movement. "We cannot agree to guidelines that differ substantially from our platform," he said. "We must examine what "confrontation line" means ... We are not going to negotiate at any price."

Although the rebuilt to Lab-

our was widely expected in the normally protracted talks that take place before the formation of coalition governments in Israel, the serback could hamper Mr Rabin at a critical moment. After receiving praise from James Baker, the US Secretary of State, on Tuesday for his commitment to hold continuous negotiations at the Middle East peace talks, he will be asked formally today by President Herzog to form the next government.

Labour, which won 44 Likud still in disarray over its places in the 120-seat Knesset, hopes to conclude a power-sharing agreement with at join the opposition.

least four parties before parliament reopens on July 13. Aside from Meretz and Tsomet, Labour also wants to attract two ultra-Orthodox religious groups, Shas, with six seats, and United Toral Juda-

ism, with four.

According to Israeli analysts, Mr Rabin hopes to include as many parties in his government as possible to give him greater flexibility. For instance, when he resumes negotiations with the Palestinians, with the intension of holding elections in the occupied territories and introducing self-rule for the 1.7 million Arab inhabitants, he will need the support of the left and religious parties to overcome the objections of the right.

Similarly, if he carries out his promise to bolster Jewish frontier settlements along the Jordanian and Syrian borders, he will need the support of Tsomet and the religious parties to protect him against left-wing objections. When it comes to introducing legislation to curb the power of the rabbis and recruit yeshiva (religious Jewish) students into the army, he will then look to the two secular parties in his government to give him the necessary majority.

The parties seem reluctant to submit themselves to Mr Rabin's divide-and-rule tactics, but pundits predict that most or all the smaller groups will swallow their pride and accept places in the cabinet on Labour's terms. With Likud still in disarray over its electoral defeat, there are few parties that would happily



Gun law: a robber beating a van driver with the butt of his pistol during a hold-up in Montreal, Canada. The man had an accomplice waiting in a car and they escaped with about \$30,000 (£16,500), police said

# Weary Bush laments press ingratitude

IN THE early-morning sunshine yesterday President Bush sat on a white wroughtiron chair in the Rose Garden of the White House.

For 50 minutes, as CBS breakfast television cameras rolled, the president jovially fielded questions from 125 tourists picked randomly from the quete to tour the White House. And then the anchor man asked him about his administration's pre-war support for Iraq.

"You have repeated some-

"You have repeated something that isn't true," snapped Mr Bush. The administration did not know Iraq was using American aid to build weapons of mass destruction, he insisted. Those allegations were being made in Congress "by a bunch of people who want to redefine something that was noble and good — Desert Storm — and make it bad", he said.

Moments later he was

The embattled US president is losing votes, his bearings and his temper,

Martin Fletcher writes in Washington

asked why the administration appeared adrift. "Why is it these people are not asking me all of this?" Mr Bush retorted, gesturing towards the tourists. Why did the journalists always ask controversial questions "when all the American people want to know is what I am doing about their problems?"

about their problems? The outbursts betrayed what is becoming increasingly apparent to those who watch Mr Bush closely. Stuck in the polls, unable to find a winning strategy, he has grown angry, frustrated and, some say, worn to an emotional frazzle.

"I have worked my heart out as president of the United states," he complained bitterly while he was in Detroit on Monday. "I'm getting a little

sick of being on the receiving

end of criticism, day in and day out."

Like all politicians in trouble, he is rounding on the media. The economy was recovering but "92 per cent of the news on the economy is negative, 92 per cent. What kind of reporting is that?"

kind of reporting is that?"
Tuesday's Washington
Post poll exemplified his frustrations. The ground-breaking US-Russian summit had given him no lift at all. The White House offensive against Ross Perot the previous week had indeed hurt the Texas tycoon, but merely

drove his disaffected supporters to Bill Clinton, the Democratic candidate, pushing Mr Bush into third place.

Commentators see two fundamental problems. Firstly, half his advisers are telling him to launch himself into the campaign now, while the other half insists he should remain presidential until after the Republican convention in August. At the moment he is doing neither one thing nor the other.

In his search for a compelling platform, The Washington Post reported yesterday, Mr Bush has successively defined himself this week as "the education president, the welfare reform president, the anti-crime president, the White House-against-Congress president, the foreign policy president and, finally, the one candidate with the character to be president."

# Benzene spill forces evacuation of towns

By Jamie Deitmer

MORE than 70,000 people fled along Wisconsin's Lake Superior shoreline after a tanker attached to a derailed freight train plunged off a trestle, ruptured and spilt thousands of gallons of ben-

zene into a river.

Breezes sent noxious fumes drifting along Superior's shoreline and down inland waterways in northwest Wisconsin and northeast Minnesota. Two dozen people suffered minor lung, eye and skin injuries. A state of emergency was declared. Half Duluth's population of 85,000 left the town. Hundreds of people sought sanctuary in schools, shopping precincts and a national guard barracks. Towns along the bay

separating the ports of Du-

luth and Superior were badly affected by the fumes. Several nursing homes were also evacuated.

The tanker, which was one of 14 to be derailed, released 21,000 of the 24,000 gallons of benzene and mixed chemicals it was carrying. Benzene evapoates quickly and is a known cancer-causing agent.

known cancer-causing agent. Cleaning teams led by the US Coast Guard had to wear respirators when approaching the wrecked tanker which blocked part of a river, the Nemadji, a tributary of Lake Superior. The Coast Guard set up booms in the lake to contain the chemical. Environmentalists were concerned that walleye, bass and pike stocks in the Nemadji could be affected by the spill.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

# Collor goes on the air

PROM MICHAEL KEPP IN RIO DEJANIERO

PRESIDENT Collor de Mello of Brazil addressed the nation on television to refute charges that he was involved in illicit deals with his former campaign fundraiser.

campaign fundraiser.

The scandal emerged last month when President Collor's younger brother Pedro accused Paulo Cesar Farias, the president's campaign fund manager of graft. influence peddling, diverting campaign funds and receiving illegal commissions from government contracts.

Four days later, reportedly at the urging of his mother, the younger Collor backed away from accusing his 42-year-old brother of complicity, saying only that he failed to control Senhor Farias.

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But his accusations triggered a congressional enquiry and several other former government officials and businessmen have backed up the charges against Senhor Farias before congressional investigators.

investigators.

The latest and perhaps the most damaging blow to the president occurred on Sunday when Isto E. a top news magazine, reported that Senhor Farias paid for the running costs of the president's mansion and for the personal expenses of Rosane Collor, his

President Collor adamantly denied these new allegations in his speech.

### Plotters freed

Port of Spain: Trinidad freed 114 Muslim coup plotters after a judge ruled that an amnesty granted while they held government leaders at gunpoint in 1990 was valid and they could not be tried for murder and treason. (AP)

### Tamil battle

Colombo: Fighting in northern Sri Lanka has left more than 260 Tamil guerrillas and 33 soldiers dead. Most were killed outside Vettilaikerni, a security forces beachhead at the neck of the Jaffna peninsula. (AFP)

### Reprieve for 12

Lagos: Death sentences passed four years ago on 12 men for armed robbery have been commuted by the governor of this Nigerian state. One of the 12 was reported to have died in prison in 1990 from tuberculosis. (Reuter)

# Wife deported Wellington: A Chinese wo-

Wellington: A Chinese woman, convicted of disembowelling her husband, is to be deported to China even though she could be retried there for the offence and is now married to a New Zealander. (AFP)

### **Judges shot**

Fort Worth: Two people, believed to be lawyers, were killed and three judges were wounded when a spectator opened fire in a courthouse of this Texas city. The killer, a middle-aged man, escaped in the confusion. (Reuter)

### Rapist elected

Port Moresby: A convicted rapist and three former ministers, charged with corruption, have been elected so far in Papua New Guinea's polls while Rabbie Namaliu, the prime minister, has lost a third of his cabinet. (AFP)

# Cuban escapes West Pulm Beach, Florida: A

Cuban who fled his country on an inner tube told the yachtsmen who rescued him that he saw two fellow escapees drown and another two drift away during his weeklong ordeal. (AFP)

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Ben Macintyre

# Bidders stake £2m on a lottery ticket that cannot lose

A cautionary American tale involving drama, greed and many lawyers was concluded in a New York courtroom yesterday with the first sale of a lottery ticket that cannot lose.

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The ticket, officially worth about \$3.8 million (F2 million), payable in 16 annual instalment; of \$240,245 was auctioned amid competing estimates of its total real worth when the final payment is made on July 15, in the year 2007. After fierce bidding at the surrogate's court in lower Manhattan from about 40 potential buyers, the Lotto 48 ticket was bought by an insurance company. Presidential Life, for just over \$2 million.

A story which ended with the fine calculations of wealthy investors began with a poor caretaker from Harlem. In 1987. Solomon Keith won \$5 million in the state lottery after buying a ticket from a booth on Wall Street. Mr Keith immediately left his job, bought a Cadillac and went on a cruise to Hawaii. After he returned he abandoned his long-time girl friend to live in a fashionable West Side apartment

But Mr Keith did not forget those less fortunate than himself, which proved to be a fatal mistake. A year after his windfall, Mr Keith drove to South Carolina to visit his

with a 26-year-old cocktail

dying brother at their childhood home, and was killed in a car accident. He had



received only about \$500,000 of the \$5 million owed to him and had failed The Internal Revenue Service valued the late Mr Keith's estate at \$2.1 million, minus taxes, leaving his family, and their lawyers, to fight over how the money

should be divided.

Four years after Keith's death, family feuding, estate taxes and vast legal bills forced his heirs to auction off the remaining winnings of \$3.8 million. The public administrator's office, which has managed the estate since 1989, set a minimum bid of \$1.3 million and sparked a flurry of intense calculation by the potential

bidders.

But the story is unlikely to end with the sale of the ticket. Keith's many relatives

have still not decided how to divide up the proceeds.

In the Grand Canyon, a

Aposse of 200 police officers with tracker dogs is combing the valleys and forests in pursuit of an escaped convict whose use of survival techniques and extraordinary ability to evade capture for nearly two months has earned him the nickname "Rambo" and the admiration of many Americans — other than those living near the country's most famous natural landmark.

Danny Ray Horning, 33. sentenced to four life terms for aggravated assault, kidnapping and armed robbery, has been living rough in the

o northern Arizona wilderness since he escaped from a state prison in Florence, Arizona, on May 12 by disguising himself in a medical laboratory coat.

Using techniques learnt in the army, he has confused bloodhounds and taunted his trackers with wry notes left in stolen cars and burgled houses.

Horning has used his 11 months of military reconnaissance training to baffle his pursuers and terrify the local populace. He has hidden in caves, disguised himself as a woman, travelled only at night, and moved in circles to confuse sniffer dogs. Trackers say he leaves no footprints.

# Missing the fast train to Europe

Richard Hope on bureaucratic rules that threaten a new era of rail travel

r ir Bob Reid, British Rail's Schairman, yesterday pre-dicted a slide from "deterioration to delapidation to danger" if vital investment is not forthcoming. Uncertainties over privatisation are at the root of the problem. and a number of key projects are in jeopardy. Nor is this just a British phenomenon. Demands that private companies should be allowed to compete with state railways are threatening investment throughout the EC.

Citizens of Glasgow, Cardiff and Plymouth who imagined that they could hop on a train to Paris in a year or two have been deceived, Only a few months before the Channel tunnel opens, the longpromised trains have still not peen ordered. Why? Because EC bureaucrats in Brussels have decided that agreements between state railways to provide international services are anti-competitive and therefore illegal.

Last February, two years behind schedule, the British, Belgian, French, German and Dutch

railways announced a £125 million order for 139 coaches for overnight services to the Continent, the only trains to serve many provincial centres like Bristol. But before a contract with manufacturer GEC Alsthom could be signed, the EC's Directorate-General 4 under Sir Leon Brittan stepped in. Its function is to sniff out cosy arrangements by which suppliers rig the market. Sir Leon reasoned that

as nobody else has

trains between Glasgow and Brussels, the state railways should be

prevented from doing so. This is not the only rail investment project to collapse in recent weeks. The government's refusal to fund extension of the Jubilee tube line through Canary Wharf, following Olympia & York's failure to provide promised contributions. was well publicised. Less well known is the fate that overtook a £75 million electrification scheme joining Leeds to Bradford, Ilkley Bob Reid attended a bogus "startof-work" ceremony in Leeds, where an electrification mast was erected. However, no contract has been placed for this work, nor have the trains been ordered. West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive had hoped to lease the trains, but with a white paper on rail privatisation imminent, the leasing company is demanding guarantees of repayment if the service is sold off or franchised. Since the government has refused to underwrite the deal, no con-

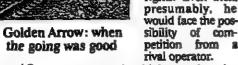
tracts can be placed. BR's plans to upgrade its main InterCity corridor from London to Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow are also in ruins. Manufacturers who sank £5 million into preparing competing designs for the IC 250 trains now see linle prospect of orders. With privatisation on the agenda, the Treasury will only agree to the basic investment required to keep track and signalling safe.

Finally, there is the tragicomedy of the Channel tunnel rail link. BR is dutifully going through the motions of designing a £4 bil-lion route to King's Cross through East London, knowing full well that the government's demand that it be privately financed lies far beyond what the City considers feasible.

While the circumstances differ widely, lying behind these project failures is the near impossibility of injecting private investment into an industry which has no legal framework to protect the earning capacity of assets. So long as the national railway owns the track, controls access and sets charges, there can be no "open access".

What Sir Leon Brittan is demanding as his price for agreeing to the overnight train deal is that the five railways concerned should immediately throw open their networks to anybody who wants to run trains, anywhere, any time. He apparently fails to rec-

ognise that no legislation is in place to make this possible; it is promised in Britain, but we have no details. In principle, an entrepreneur with a deep pocket might step in and take over the GEC Alsthorn contract. But he would face months of negotiation with the five railways and Eurotunnel to establish his contractual rights. Even then, presumably, he would face the pos-



As to the high speed trains ordered in 1989 for the London-Paris/Brussels service, a wellplaced source within DG4 professed total ignorance when asked about this contract. In contrast, Eurotunnel's chief executive Sir Alastair Morton told shareholders on June 26 that DG4 was apparently under the impression that he intended to operate motorail trains from London into Europe. Faced with such breathtaking ignorance and that Brussels has acquired a reputation for bureaucratic blundering.

Yes, the time has come to break up the state railway monoliths. Open access and privatisation are vital elements, but they can only be applied when legislation has put in place the rules and regulators needed. Only then can the private sector move in to invest with some assurance that the earning capacity of fixed and mobile assets will be protected. Meanwhile, whether in Brussels

or our own Department of Transport, common sense demands that rail investment be allowed to proceed as normal. If MPs representing the cities affected make approval for the overnight trains a condition for supporting Maastricht, they might still be rescued.

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# The case of an anorexic in danger of starvation raises profound moral issues, writes Alan Ryan

he Court of Appeal's deci-sion that a 16-year-old anorexic girl can be treated against her will comes hard on the heels of the United States Supreme Court's equivocal decision about abortion rights and the state's right to force women to bear the children they have conceived. Both show up in a glaring light our difficulties with ideas about our difficulties with ideas about the right to life, and the right to die. We can recite A.H. Clough's little couplet "Thou shalt not kill, but need'st not strive / Officiously to keep alive", but we fall to quarrelling about what is "officious" and when officiousness

becomes something like tyranny.

The 16-year-old's age is not the most important thing about her case. If she were over 18, she could still be kept alive against her will if a court declared her of unsound mind — and it is hard to imagine a court deciding that the mind of a young woman who had set out slowly to starve herself to death was anything other than unsound. What is important is our convic-tion that life itself cannot simply be rejected. Most of us agree that some suicides are rational. Elderly people suffering from painful and

Is there a duty to live?

that an overdose of sleeping tablets is better than lingering extinction. but that choice is less between life and death than between slow death and quicker death. The young woman whom the Court of Appeal forces to go on living against her will wants to make a different choice: she rejeas life.

Talk of the "right to life" is wholly unhelpful in cases like this.

We would force parents to feed their children in the name of the children's right to life; we would force parents who disapprove of various kinds of medical treatment to get such treatment for their children in the name of the children's right to life. But when the Court of Appeal tells the young woman that she will be kept alive against her will, it is not protecting her right to life but forcing upon her a duty to go on living.

Rights are something we can stand on, waive, and take more or less seriously; there are cases where we have both rights and keep the car we own in safe running order, for instance, but a person who was forced to go on owning a car he wanted to sell would think this an odd way of recognising his rights as an owner.
What Lord Donaldson's decision raises is the question whether there

a "duty to live". It is not such an odd question as one might think. Though many writers have thought that human beings have an intense and overwhelming urge for self-preservation, a great many have not. The great French sociologist Emile Durkheim wrote Suicide a hundred years ago precisely because he thought it was all too easy for us to become disgusted with life. to want to kill ourselves, to have done with the whole business. He thought the force of the emotions that drive decisions like that of the Court of Appeal reflects a desperate urge to hang on to our fellows. In every society, he claimed, there were strict rules against suicide, at incurable diseases may decide duties. We have a legal duty to any rate against suicides based

merely on the individual's wish to be dead. The need for such rules showed the strength of the suicidal temptation we are often under.

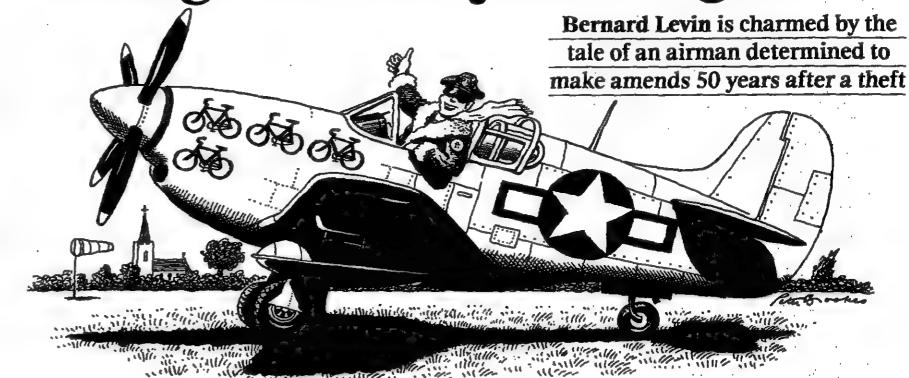
The young woman who came before the Court of Appeal might almost be a figure in a drama designed to prove Durkheim's point. Her ties to the world were always weak: she is an orphan. and has recently lost her grandfather, she seems to have suffered in various foster homes. The world never made her welcome, and she has responded appropriately. Durkheim was frightened that the modern world was bad at creating the kind of web of mutual regard and mutual obligation that holds us firmly in the world, and whether or not he was right in general, he surely was in this case. His successors have concentrated on what suicides and would-be suicides are telling us. Their discoveries are not reassuring. The thought that suicides and wouldbe suicides are always uttering a "cry for help" is sentimental in the

extreme. Often, what they are saying is closer to "get lost". All too frequently, would-be suicides are so convinced that life is intolerable that this is the only message they wish to convey. Talk of cries for help is too optimistic. We mind as much as we do about suicides precisely because we are so willing to help: what we cannot bear is being told that there is nothing

The aggressive tone of Lord Donaldson's judgment - his insistence that the young woman's wishes just don't matter - shows all too clearly how far it is our discomfort rather than hers that drives our response. There could hardly be a more considered, more reiterated insistence that she wishes to be gone than her slow self-starvation. And it is just because there is so little to say to such a decision that we find ourselves, so to speak, grabbing her by the wrist and yelling that we shan't let her slide over the edge. This is where "whose life is it anyway?" collides with thought that none of us is an

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# Caught in a cycle of guilt



bother; anyone capable of throwing a bag of peanuts out of the window can be sure of hitting at least a dozen people who, from their own experience. remarkable than the latest dreadful Booker winner. Just read this nearly invisible

Mr Roger Johnson, a former American airman who stole a cycle while stationed at Polebrook Northanis, during the second world war, will make amends today by presenting 90 new ones costing nearly £10,000 to local children.

Thirty-six words, and a thousand and one Arabian nights to make magic tales out of them! There is not another word of explanation. no promise of further revelations. no startling denouement to await. So much the better, we can speculate freely, unhindered by facts.

Imagine the young airman (no veteran he), perhaps including in his duties nightly sorties over Germany; he would certainly have noted the number of aircrews many of them his friends as well as his colleagues — who did not

don't know why novelists return. Next time might be his ladies of the area? Did he have a last; if life itself is as cheap as that, surely bicycles should be given away free?

> imaginative young man, wanted to fill his few leisure hours by exploring his surroundings. He couldn't run to a car (and even if he could, petrol rationing precluded sightseeing): I don't know Northamptonshire's rural delights, but I assume that they were sufficiently interesting for him to pedal about in them. Did he come from a sleepy rural state, so that what he saw he could recognise, or from the heart of downtown bustling Detroit to find woods and fields all around him? I have assumed, so far, that his theft did not greatly disturb him. Did he have a qualm, though, when one of his mates, or a senior officer, asked where he got it? Surely not. He, his friends and his superiors all had more things on their minds than the provenance of bicycles.

girl back home in Kansas or New York? And if so...well, did he have something more significant Why did he want a bicycle, to feel guilty about than bicycles? anyway? That's easy: he was in a Ordid he have a photograph in his and kissed, particularly when he was taking off for a journey that might be his last? For that matter, did he have a rabbit's paw in one of his other pockets? Deer not, you beastly rationalists: I read once of a wartime airman who never flew without a pair of his girlfriend's stockings around his neck, and he lived to teil the tale.)

> ell, the war ended. and our hero survived it. He went home, and made a life for himself. Presumably he married and had children. Clearly, he prospered. But, as with the princess and the pea, there was something amiss. Did the theft of the bicycle get into his dreams? Did he think that if he died abruptly, say in a car crash, he would not have time to seek confession and absolution? More dramatically, had he long ago

suddenly, because of some oblique

Yet there is a great gulf between remembering a peccadillo from ing to put it right. And how handsomely right! Ten thousand poundsworth of brand new, stateof the art bicycles, to be distrib-uted among 90 of the children of Polebrook, Northants, where Christmas comes twice this year.

A child at the time of the Great Bicycle Robbery would today be about to draw the State Retirement Pension (the Old Age Pension it was called then, though later that was felt to be too downmarket): two or three generations have grown up since someone limped home on foot, and the world has gone round nearly twenty thousand times. Yet are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? •--

In this case, however, God made no sign: the sinner took it upon himself to make amends. No matter that Polebrook had obviously forgotten the sin a week after

it had been committed; no matter that the Polebrookers would have looked upon the American airmen as heroes coming to the succour of the old country; no matter that if he had asked politely for a bicycle. dozen would have been proffered: fifty years on. Jiminy Cricket gave a little whistle, "and always let your conscience be your guide". Mr Johnson's conscience is clean; truly, it was hardly even smudged in the first place. And 90 Polebrook children will be sporting handsome new bicycles. All's well that ends well.

We all have dim corners in our lives, and most of us have one or two that are not just dim, but truly dark. Most can be illuminated somehow, but a few cannot, and we must take them to the grave. But Mr Johnson has turned his into a shining triumph. Remember, he didn't rob a bank or break a head. He stole a bicycle, lived with the knowledge, and made amends exactly 90 times over. Polebrook should honour him in a fitting manner. Why not an explanatory plaque on the village fountain, with a bicycle chained to it? Surely no one would steal it.

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# ...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

The day before yesterday I described the first course of my delicious luncheon at the table of Lord Halibut. in the company of four eminences grises who converted from left to right under the divine influence of Mrs Thatcher.

"To accompany the second course." breathed Lord Halibut contentedly, "I have selected a little something from 1979, the year of Margaret's first great election victory."
Our tastebuds quivered. "A

little Ducru Beaucaillou, per-haps?" asked the distinguished novelist Sir Barnabas Kipper. licking his lips.

"No. 'We don't talk any more by Cliff Richard." replied Halibut, motioning towards the record-player. "Great fan of Cliff. Clean hair, no drugs: what While Cliff Richard belted out

his up-tempo number, the talk turned to the influence each of these four great intellectuals had brought to bear on Mrs Thatcher and her policies. 'I'd pick up the phone and

week at 7.30 am. Advice and encouragement, encouragement and advice." boasted Lord Halibut. 'Marvellous," trilled Profes-

sor Septimus Cod. "And what would she usually reply?" "Funnily enough, always the same," replied Lord Halibut. "She'd say 'at the third stroke. it will be seven thirty-one precisely'. I think it was her way of

any way offending her political colleagues. Tactful girl, Mar-garet. Scotch egg, anyone? The celebrated polemicist Ar-

nold Stoat, whose famous 'Gloat with Stoat' political column is now in its twelfth year, chipped in to boast that Mrs Thatcher was one of his keenest readers. "You can always be sure that what the ordinary bloke thought yesterday. Arnold Stoat will be thinking tomorrow." she had said of him at the Press Club of Great Britain in 1983, before awarding him the special Press Club trophy for effort, along with the improvement prize for

That's something Margaret's always admired about me, too," chipped in Lord Halibut, handing round the Scotch eggs. "I've always been able to let her know exactly what the ordinary bloke is up to. Your ordinary bloke in the low paid profes-sions won't take bossing around, you know. He's an independent fellow who likes to be in charge, and quite right too." Halibut blew a sizable puff from his slim panatella, and then looked around in agitation. Where the hell's my butler? I never know what on earth the fellow's up to! Who's boss around here, that's what I'd like to know. Makes one wonder why

one pays them so little." As we made light work of the Wall's Vienetta, each one of our delightful company reminisced over Mrs Thatcher's greatest achievements. "Before her ar-

'loan shark', 'pawnbroker' and looking after number one had somehow fallen into disrepute. She gave them back their respectability." said Professor Septimus Cod.
"And she restored our faith in

ourselves. Or at least she re-stored my faith in myself. Or she would have done if I'd lost it. which i hadn't. But the point holds," remarked Lord Halibut. dishing out the After Eights. By now, the mood around the table had mellowed as the

merits of the wine were increasingly appreciated ("two litre bottles are an absolute must," explained Lord Halibut, handing out the straws). The talk was moving to the Common Market. which has become their prin-cipal bete noire. Arnold Stoat was outraged that Jacques Delors ("absurd name -- who on earth does he think he is? An anagram?") should be allowed to increase his stranglehold over Britain by turning up his nose at the Great British Sausage. "I tell you this," said Stoat, thumo ing his fist on the table, "that man Delors has never once been photographed tucking into a Great British sausage! How dare he presume to boss us

around? 'And now I hear that awful man's got plans to stop our Great British Bovine Spongiform!" thundered Sir Barnabas Kipper, chewing on a sprig of

"We've all had it for years," mooed Lord Halibut, executing tipping me the wink that she rival. marvellous old-fashioned a quick tango. "and it's never was taking my advice without in Anglo-Saxon expressions like done us any harm."

### Green thought in a grey world MINISTERS are considering a

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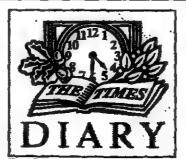
nor bombs; what about the young

plan to turn the notorious Marsham Street office complex. which currently houses the environment and transport departments, into a landscaped garden. They are coming under pressure from the Royal Fine Art Commission to organise a public competition for the redevelopment when the three towers are demol ished next year. Michael Howard, the environ-

ment secretary, has appointed Montagu Evans, chartered surveyors, to advise the government. But the Commission is lobbying ministers against an office development, and MPs have added their voices to a campaign to create a green oasis among Westminister's drab concrete.

Lord St John of Fawsley, president of the Commission, says: Everyone is aware of the horrors of the Marsham Street site. Those mistakes must not be repeated. It will be an important test case of the government's commitment to the environment and open space, We believe there should be a competition which we would be happy to take part in judging. We want to see the maximum amount of open space on the site." Architects and landscape consultants have responded enthusiastically to the idea for a competition, first floated in Buidling Design by Roger Moate. Tory MP for Faversham.

Moate says: "I was encouraged by the response. They have proposed constructive ideas for open space, but with public services such as car parking." One even more grandiose plan is to move the British Pavilion, constructed for Expo 92 in Sevile, onto the site or to create a "Millennium 2000" park to usher in the new century.



 The letters page of The Times was essential reading yesterday at the breakfast table of Douglas Hurd. The missive from Dr Rado-van Karadzic, leader of the Serbs Bosnia and Hercegovina. ordering a ceasefire, was even mentioned in the Commons. "I congratulate The Times on re-suming its ancient role of receiv-ing letters of this kind from all over the world." the foreign sec-retary told MPs. So which other wars have been ended in the correspondence columns of The Times? Alas. the Foreign Office did not know. "We can't quite think what he meant," admitted a spokesman.

### Mick taken

STAR TURN during the service which opened the Methodist Conference in Newcastle yesterday was Father Mick McKenna, a Roman Catholic priest from Gateshead with a local reputation as a wit and raconteur. After a worthy Methodist sermon, Me-Kenna was asked to make his contribution to ecumenical understanding. He proceeded to tell the 600 Methodist delegates a stream

of jokes in questionable taste. Why does the Virgin Mary look so miserable in pictures?" he asked them. "Because she always wanted a girl." Most of the congregation

laughed politely, if embarrassedly. By the time the father was telling them that the Irish bishops had been forced to cancel their conference due to a lack of babysiders. ecclesiastical harmony was some-

### Still stuck on the time

BRITISH RAIL can expect no sympathy from Austin Mitchell over its huge losses. The Labour-MP for Grimsby was this week due to ask John MacGregor, the secretary of state for transport, a parliamentary question about the "appalling" rail service linking London and his constituency. Mitchell left home early to catch a train from Doncaster, due-to-arrive at 2.15 pm. in plenty of time to ask his question. Needless to

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say, it didn't arrive until well after 3 pm. "BR must have got wind of my question," says Mitchell. "It was nothing less than sabotage."

### Longleat lives

SIGHS of relief could be heard. from the custodians of Britain's clared business as usual following stic director, will turn the the death of the sixth Marquess of

Bath: The eccentric seventh Marquess, the former Viscount Weymouth, is still making his way back from St Tropez, but his agent Tim Moore says: "He feels that it is a time to consider the achievements of his late father. There are no major changes envisaged for Longicar House."

The words are reassuring. The new Marquess, who has adorned the staircase of his private apartments with portraits of women friends, is restricted by listed building legislation from making any major changes to one of the best-preserved Elizabethan houses in Britain, but fears persist about the contents. Might he want to re-

place the ancestral portraits with his own infamous murals? If he tries, the day could be saved by the Museum and Galleries Commission works of art in lieu of tax scheme. It would be delighted to hear from the Marquess. "An itemevalued at £100,000 would be worth £70,000 using the scheme, whereas at auction it would be worth less than £60,000 after tax and seiling costs," says the Commission's Heather Wilson. But the Commission does not indulge in ambulance chasing, "It would be up to him to contact us."

Joanna MacGregor, the pianist whose eclectic festival of contemporary music is under way at the ICA, has still not heard the work her husband Richard Williams is due to perform. Williams was asked to produce a piece for the festival's last night, on Sunday, and has decided to play the rarely performed 4'33" by John Cage which, as everyone knows, requires pianist and audience to sit in silence. "I needed to rehearse. but I did not want to disturb from the custodians of Britain's Joanna's practice," he says. Alisheritage yesterday as Longleande dair Nicholson, the festival's articomposition's pages.

# **DUCKING AND WEAVING**

British politics operate on the adversarial principle If John Major hopes that; come the autumn, there will be 60 or 70 Labour MPs marching into the government lobby in. defence of the Maastricht treaty he had better think again. It has never been any part of an Opposition's duty to pull a government's chestnuts out of the fire, least of all when there is an enticing prospect of a serieus backbench revolt against a government with the smallest Tory majority since Win-sion Churchill returned to office in 1951.

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Labour has, after all, been here before. It was Harold Wilson who announced in government that he would not "take no for an answer to Britain's application to join the Community - and then opposed in the Commons, line by line, the terms that Edward Heath's government eventually secured. The prize then as now promised to be the embarrassment, perhaps even the defeat, of a Conservative government. But largely thanks to Labour's own dissidents. the prize escaped. Instead, the only reward the party collected was widespread cynicism at the flexibility of its performance.

Since John Smith was one of the 69 Labour MPs who defied a three-line whip to vote in favour of the principle of British entry on October 28, 1971, that particular piece of history is unlikely to be repeated. If the man destined to become Labour's new leader in just over a fortnight's time can claim one continuing thread in his political career, it lies in his consistent support for the European cause. But once the Maastricht bill returns to the floor of the House in the autumn that may only sharpen his dilemma.

Mr Smith knows as well as anyone (and, on the record of his robust displays at the dispatch box, better than most) that the first duty of an Opposition is to oppose. Nor in his first months in the leadership will he want to make things in any way easy for the government. The one issue on which he cannot afford to seem soft is Europe, not least

because there will remain a danger of a rump of Labour anti-Maastricht musketeers gathering around his leadership rival, and possibly future deputy, Bryan Gould.

The most probable parliamentary outcome is that the Opposition will zealously protect its right to examine the proposed Maastricht treaty clause by clause. The government will look in vain to Labour (or even to the most ardent Europeans on the Labour back benches) for assistance in bringing in a guillotine motion on the bill's committee stage. But to what end will all this Labour endeavour be directed?

. So far Mr Smith and his colleagues have justified their opposition to the Massricht treaties by deploring the absence of the social chapter from the proposals the government wishes to lay before the House. This can take their opposition just so far, for it involves joining forces with those on the Tory backbenches to whom the social chapter is ariathema. The eventual question they must expect to be asked is whether Labour prefers Maastricht without a social chapter to having no Maastricht at all. The answer, both under Neil Kinnock and under Mr Smith, is almost certainly yes.

The outcome of this conundrum can only be official evasion. By responding selectively to crucial clauses of the bill, Labour might keep the government on tenterhooks with its internal opponents, in the hope that they will bring it to grief without Labour having to declare its hand too openly. But between 1971 and 1973 these tactics led to the breaking of ranks by pro-European Labour MPs and so undid Harold Wilson's none-tooscrupulous bid to use Europe to unseat the Heath government.

Labour is still a corporatist party much in sympathy with the expansionism of Jacques Delors' European Commission, It would be better for Mr Smith to come clean and support Maastricht. But he should allow those MPs who disagree with him a free vote.

# **AWASH WITH DIRTY ROUBLES**

Yesterday the rouble became semi-convertible: a "dirty float". The stable symbolised many of the evils of the old Soviet system. Like communism itself, it was a false and empty totem, useless for buying goods; storing wealth, comparing prices or any other normal economic function. It represented nothing more than the power of an arbitrary government to despoil the wealth of its citizenry. Not for nothing did the people prefer the currency of the sworn enemy, the dollar.

The economic impact of yesterday's step will be limited. The rouble has not been made genuinely convertible, as the government had originally promised. The Russian central bank has merely streamlined a crazy : system of parallel exchange rates that subsidised privileged importers and penalised exporters who declared their full foreign earnings instead of salting them away in Swiss bank accounts, Russian citizens are still severely restricted in their right to hold foreign currencies. Foreign investors will not be allowed to buy roubles until the market reaches an "acceptable" exchange rate. The announcement of a huge overshoot in the budget deficit coincided with yesterday's measures, suggesting that the rouble is most unlikely to find stability at anything the government considers an acceptable rate.

These drastic limits on convertibility will disappoint many Russians, as well as freemarket purists abroad. But they should be welcomed. While full conventibility would be a powerful symbol of Russia's break with its communist past, the government's hope of stabilising the rouble against the dollar and making a fixed exchange rate the central pillar of economic policy is misguided. The West should look askance at the Russian request, likely to be repeated by Boris Yeltsin at the Munich G7 summit next week, for a \$6 billion fund to stabilise the rouble. There

are other uses for such aid. A stable, non-inflationary currency naturally helps the functioning of market forces, but it is neither necessary nor sufficient for

success in the kind of economic and social unheavals that Russia is now undertaking. The top priorities for Russia, and all the other ex-communist countries, must be to establish private property rights, encourage small business create private services and move rapidly towards the commercialisation and ultimate privatisation of large industrial

There are two reasons why currency stability and structural reform can be contradictory, despite being in principle two sides of the same coin. Domestically, both sets of policies are bound to be painful and generate opposition. If too much time and political capital is spent on an anti-inflation policy, the public's patience will be exhausted when the government subsequently addresses itself to privatisation and the enforcement of bankruptcy laws. At that point, politics becomes the enemy of economics.

In addition, if the best economic brains and the most energetic politicians devote themselves to the management of foreign exchange and the achievement of monetary and fiscal targets, the structural issues may be neglected. The chance of currency stabilisation failing is always high. The opponents of private property will use such failures to justify delaying structural reforms if the programmes are too closely linked.

The West faces the same dilemma, if in less acute form. Ideally, policies to counter inflation and those to reform the structure of the economy should proceed hand in hand. But as the British government has found, the best can be the enemy of the good. Given the limited resources the West is willing to devote to helping Russia, it would be rash to put hard currency aid into a rouble stabilisation that is not absolutely necessary and whose chances of success are slim. Technical assistance, management training, privatisation, inward investment and the development of services and infrastructure are higher priorities. That is where the West should concentrate its support.

# PLEA FOR BARGAINS

Pressure put on a defendant to plead guilty, especially if the pressure is from a judge, will almost always lead to a successful appeal. . The Court of Appeal has made this clear often enough for it to be standard doctrine in every English criminal trial. This is the reason plea bargaining is not accepted practice in the English courts. In America, practice is wholly different. Such bargaining usually includes a formal offer from the judge of a reduced sentence, and sometimes a reduction in the seriousness of the charge, if

the defendant pleads guilty. English law is too fastidious about such oiling of the gears of justice. A form of plea bargaining already happens, though surreputiously. In many a barristers' robing room before trial, defence counsel has hinted to prosecuting counsel that an adjustment in the charge downwards, say from grievous bodily harm to actual bodily harm, might result in a change of plea, to the benefit of swift justice. This cannot be admitted; and as a result the justice is rougher and not as

transparent as it ought to be. Plea bargaining should be legitimised. With suitable safeguards it would increase rather than reduce the accuracy of the criminal justice system and make it cheaper and more efficient. The strongest argument for plea bargaining comes from regular practitioners in the criminal courts. They say that what professional criminals most want to know, before a trial, is what punishment is likely. Dreading the uncertainty of sentencing and the risk of exceptional severity, the defendant often pleads not guilty on the offchance of an acquittal. It is not a strictly rational choice, but nor is a life of crime.

Lawyers who have noticed this characteristic of the criminal mind say that plea bargaining, with a guaranteed discount on any likely mentence, is bound to raise the frequency of guilty pleas significantly.

For such reasons a committee of the Bar Council proposed a system of open plea bargaining last month. This week the Lord Chancellor's department, worried by the rising cost of legal aid, indicated it too is tempted. But saving money should not be the only consideration. Nor is the Bar Council right that the appeal court need only issue new guidelines, the opposite of the old ones. Law reforms involving a complete reversal of previous policy and practice should not be left to judges but debated by Parliament and enacted by statute.

Parliament, in turn, would be wise to wait for the advice of the royal commission on criminal justice, especially concerning uncorroborated confession evidence. In some notorious cases, convictions which were later quashed on appeal have resulted from juries accepting uncorroborated confessions recorded by the police, who have used unwarranted pressure. The chance of a lesser sentence in exchange for a guilty plea could readily be turned by the police into the offer

of a lesser sentence if a suspect confesses. The quid pro quo for allowing plea bargaining before a trial should be to change the law to require confessions to be complorated by other evidence, as is already the law in Scotland. A trade-off along such lines from the royal commission would make sense. For the legal aid economies that will follow, the Lord Chancellor's department will have to be patient.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Why UK needs the Eurofighter From Sir Peter Masefield

Sir. The lamentable conclusion of your leader, "Eurofighter grounded" (July I), smacks of the same attitude that decried the development of the Hurricane and the Spitfire 57 years

Although the international situation is so different today, there are now even more potential - though unknown - threats to our future security.

In dismissing the European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) you apparently contemplate:

1. Abandoning the carefully assessed requirements for an allied means of achieving and maintaining air superiority in any future conflict. The Gulf war showed once again how essential that is to the saving of massive land casualties.

2. Throwing out of work more than 40,000 skilled designers, engineers and technicians in this country and many others in Italy and Spain as well.

3. Inevitably relegating Britain to a minor position towards future military and civil aircraft and aeroengines - of so much added-value to our economy and technical know-

4. Ditching valuable potential ex-

5. Destroying much of our future ability to compete in many related world markets. 6. Forcing us to spend scarce foreign

currency on less effective American aircraft, while throwing away most of the current substantial investment in the EFA.

None of this overstates the wide and disastrous effect which would come from the loss of such an advanced project, so relevant to the future of our country in the realms of industry, technology, employment and defence.

Yours faithfully, PETER MASEFIELD (Past President. Royal Aeronautical Society). Rosehili, Doods Way, Reigate, Surrey. July 1.

### Attitudes on Europe From Sir David Crouch

Sir, Margaret Thatcher is entitled to her views on Europe (report, June 29) but it is important to remember that it was because of those views that she is no longer prime minister. John Major is committed to Britain playing a leading role in Europe, as are Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd, the other contenders for leadership of the Tory party.

Lonservative M.Ps made ineir de cision on Europe when they chose John Major and it must be hoped that their loyalty to him will not be weakened by calls from their former leader to do otherwise.

Yours faithfully, DAVID CROUCH, The Oast House, Fisher Street, Badlesmere, Faversham, Kent.

From Mr J. C. Stott

Sir, The prime minister tells us (report, June 30) that referendums are a "device of demagogues and dictators". In which category does he place his Danish, Irish, and French colleagues?

Yours faithfully. J. C. STOTT, 3 Kennedy Gardens, Sevenoaks, Keni.

From MrJ. A. Newell Sir. In The Birmingham Post it is reported (June 29) that The Environment Secretary, Mr Michael

Howard, is to be asked to rule whether Oscott College, Sumon Coldfield, can build a wall to shield passers-by from an unsightly view of a dustbin. Should not subsidiarity begin at

Yours sincerely, JOHN NEWELL, 139 Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13.

home?

### Privatised secretaries From Mr David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield Brightside (Labour)

Sir, I understand that a decision may have been taken to place with an outside contractor the employment of personal secretaries at the Inland Revenue offices in Nottingham and the Department of Health in Leeds. This would be a retrograde step,

placing as it does political dogma

before good management practices.

Anyone with experience of holding a senior post knows the pivotal role that a personal secretary plays in ensuring the efficiency and smooth running of senior management. Were such tasks to be mainly carried out by men, the grading and status of such posts would be considerably higher.

Given the integral nature of such posts with the activity being undertaken by the directly employed staff including confidentiality and personal commitment - it is bizarre in the extreme to think of these key positions being filled from outside agencies.

Undermining commitment to work, and the sense of belonging to an organisation which values the personal contribution made by the employee, is a short-sighted road to nowhere.

Yours sincerely, DAVID BLUNKETT. House of Commons. June 24.

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### Treatment of brutal young offenders LSE, County Hall From the Director of Fairbridge sanctions which a wrongdoer will

face in adult life.

man in the Lords, suggested) as part

of a considered system of discipline

within the family would be wrong. It

is often a tactic of last resort, largely

with toddlers. As children move

lowards school age there are less

physical and more reasoned meth-

ods of showing them that their

actions can have unpleasant results

Much is made today of the need to

prepare our school children for

parenthood now that traditional

family support is weaker, but they also need to be taught about the limits of children's understanding

and abilities and to learn effective

methods of taming their children

without withholding their love and

Sir. Valerie Grove advocates that we

strain . . . our quality of mercy" for

those who perpetrate violent and

pointless crimes. These people, she says, have as children suffered

"grievous psychic trauma, some physical or psychological abuse".

It is true that we need to take

measures to protect ourselves from these sociopaths, and this may mean

removing them from society if we can

find no way of redeeming their

emotional constitution. The danger

is, however, that by focusing on

despising them we take our attention

away from the measures needed to

protect future generations of child-

ren from the trauma which may

cause them to become sociopaths.

Sir. Sending such pathetic speci-

mens as Valerie Grove describes to

June 24) with no guarantee that the

experience will not further degrade

them is a sheer waste of time and

Yours sincerely.

Yours etc.

T. E. WARNER.

West End, Pearcroft Road.

Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

New highway code?

From Dr P. N. Skelton-Stroud

Sir, Manufacturers of motor cars

continue to fit them with cigar

lighters and ashtrays. I applaud the

introduction of catalytic converters

to clean up exhaust emissions and

the external environment and sug-

ments of smoking as standard

fittings would go some way toward cleaning up the internal environ-

Many motorists might prefer in-

gest that to leave out the accountre-

JENNY TRUCH,

Jordans, Copt Hall Road,

From Dr T. E. Warner

Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

respect for them.

Yours faithfully,

Moorside, Joss Lane.

From Mrs Jenny Truch

Sedbergh, Cumbria.

SUSA ELLIS,

for themselves as well as others.

Sir. Valerie Grove paints a chilling and depressing picture ("Nasty. brutish and young". Life & Times. June 26) of the mind of "the young man bereft of human feeling", who commits violent, brutal and motiveless attacks, usually on female vic-

It is equally chilling and depressing to those of us who work daily with such young people to see above the article the question: "Is it time society stopped finding excuses for the perpetrators of violent and pointless crime and started hating them instead?"

It is, of course, right to remove violent young men from society, to protect us and to punish them - and to give them the opportunity to repent and reform.

Long periods in prison might satisfy our basic desire for revenge -and hatred and revenge stalk dangerously hand in hand - but they do little to reform.

There are highly effective alternatives to youth custody. This organisation has been working in this field for the past ten years. It is remarkably successful at helping young people to change the direction

The key to its success is its understanding of the problems facing young people in the underclass and its ability to meet their needs, the principal ones of which are the deep need for self-esteem and for support.

This is a process that takes time and great patience. It is significant that some 30 per cent of our staff were once themselves young offenders. They are the proof that, given opportunity and support, young men are able to make the radical change from the violent, brutal and mindless underclass to mature, compassionate service to society.

Yours faithfully, DAVID JAMES, Director, Fairbridge, 202 Lambeth Road, SE1.

From Mrs Susa Ellis

Sir, Valerie Grove's article, appearing after your report of the Lords debate on bringing up children (June 25), points up the sorry confusion facing parents today. Parents need the support of society, including politicians and commentators, to bring up their children to understand the values that make for a civilised society.

In the microcosm of the nursery children need to learn that if they transgress there will be unpleasant results, but that love and continued care are not withdrawn. Privileges (toys, treats) may be taken away. status lost, fines imposed on pocket money, liberty restricted. These stages fairly foreshadow the legal

### Opera house denial From the Secretary of State for

National Heritage

Sir, On June 17 you reported that a proposal to build a new national opera house on the South Bank was said to come from my office. That is not so. We have no such proposals. I appreciate a number of well-informed people are advocating a new opera house, and they have a perfect right to do so. But I have not joined their ranks.

I feel I should make this clear in the light of Bryan Appleyard's piece (July 1), "David Mellor's white elephant". Please treat this letter as a complete denial of ownership of any plans for this beast.

Yours faithfully. DAVID MELLOR. Department of National Heritage. Horse Guards Road, SW1.

### Military commitments From Lieutenant General Str

Napier Crookenden

Sir, In your leading article about the French president's journey to Sara-jevo, "High time to stop it" (June 29), you end with the words: "Wringing one's hands is a feeble response. At least M Mitterrand has done dramatically more than wring his hands."

The foreign secretary has been wringing his hands on our behalf for some weeks now and the government constantly affirms the dangers of providing combat arms for any intervention force in what was Yugoslavia. Is not this largely due to the severe reductions being imposed on the armed forces and the continuing.

From Dr C. J. M. R. Gullick Sir, David Young, in his report (July 1) on the International Whaling Commission's conference in Glasgow, states that none of the Caribbean states of St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent and Dominica has any tradition of whaling. This is in-CONTECT.

anthropological fieldwork in St Vincent in one of the three whaling communities in that state. At the time the villages of Barouallie and Rose Bank on the main island of St Vincent, and Paget Farm on the neighbouring island of Bequia, had small boats fitted with harpoons. which pursued the so-called blackfish, in fact a small whale (Globecephalus melas).

Those from Barouallie also hunted the humpback whale (Megaptera nodosa). The Vincentian tradition of whaling spread to Grenada, St Lucia, Barbados and Trinidad early in the twentieth century, but did not

stead one of the range of accessories for which they currently pay extra. Yours faithfully. P. N. SKELTON-STROUD, Sherrowbooth Farm, Port Shrigley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

# June 30.

excessive commitments loaded onto the army?

In May I asked the foreign secretary if he would not find the lack of available troops a serious handicap to our foreign policy in the next ten years and his negative reply was based solely on the disappearance of the Soviet threat.

Surely it is time we forgot the euphoria and optimism engendered by the Soviet collapse and set new force levels for the future, which allow for unforeseen commitments, inevitable in a daily more chaotic

survive long in the latter two islands.

the nineteenth century has been

described as commercial, this was

not the case for most of the twentieth

century. The blackfish hunters stud-

ied by me were mainly involved in a

subsistence economy and while they

sold some of the oil and flesh, most

was consumed within the commu-

While Caribbean whaling during

Yours sincerely, NAPIER CROOKENDEN, Twin Firs. Four Elms, Edenbridge, Kent.

### Caribbean whaling

Accordingly the Caribbean has a tradition of whaling that is very In the 1970s I undertook different from that locused upon in Glasgow. While an important issue. the debate about the survival of traditional communities with very small catches could easily be lost amongst the problems caused by larger commercial concerns hunting larger numbers of whales. I hope that the delegates in Glasgow manage to keep them separate.

Yours faithfully. C. J. M. R. GULLICK, University of Durham, Department of Anthropology. 43 Old Elvet, Durham.

# and 'realpolitik'

From Mr Alex Carlile, OC, MP for To outlaw a smack (as Baroness Montgomery (Liberal Democrat) David. Labour's education spokes-

Sir, I believe that the Shirayama Corporation remains interested in the purchase of County Hall, as environment minister Robin Squire confirmed in the House last week (report, June 27). Does this mean that the London School of Economics and Political Science will fall victim to financial realpolitik?

Surely there should be more to the question than the size of their respective chequebooks? What is at stake is the renewal of one of Britain's great centres of learning.

The LSE conducts research, teaching, and study of a myriad of disciplines. Its student body represents countries from across the globe. But despite its excellence, it has been beset by difficulties in space and funding. Decreased government expenditure in recent years has made it much more difficult for the school to continue to improve and update resources. Accordingly, much of its revenue has come from overseas students.

More space means more students. and more opportunities for expanded services, including computer and research facilities made available to outside users. More space also entails greater room for the British Library of Economics and Political Science, one of the largest libraries devoted exclusively to the social sciences in the world and a national treasure in its own right.

Location across the river from Westminster would make the library much more accessible to members of Parliament and their staff and would provide for easier interplay between MPs and the academic community.

The sale of County Hall to the LSE would do more than benefit academia. It would prove the government's commitment to higher education. It would assert that we support and cherish the academic institutions which will make the next generation competitive not only in the European Community, but throughout the world.

I hope that the government will now show some verve, and help LSE to a new and worthy home.

prison for years is clearly not the answer. What good will it do? Yours faithfully. ALEX CARLILE, Putting down savage Rottweilers House of Commons. makes sense. Putting away young men who committed their crimes June 25. under the influence of drugs (report.

# Signing for posterity

From the Headmistress of Channing School, Highgate

Sir, Sixth-formers leave Channing with either a complete Shakespeare or the new Oxford Book of English verse, signed by their friends and teachers. This is a gift worth keeping and, pace Natasha Dewar (lener, June 27), not a bit naff. Yours sincerely.

ISABEL RAPHAEL Headmistress. Channing School, Highgate, No.

From Mrs Myrtle Ternstrom Sir. What could be more appropriate than a copy of The Times for the day that Natasha and her friends part? Yours faithfully, MYRTLE TERNSTROM, As from: Swedish Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand.

From the Reverend W. Roy Large Sir. I suggest a copy of The Times in which her letter was published.

Yours truly, W. R. LARGE. The Vicarage, 24 Mallory Road. Bishop's Tachbrook, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

From Mr Alexander Redman Sir. Wing collars were part of our school uniform at King's School, Canterbury, so on my last day there it seemed appropriate for my friends to sign that. It is an excellent conversation-piece. Yours faithfully, ALEXANDER REDMAN.

Durham Union Society, Palace Green, Durham. From Mrs R. D. West

Sir. Miss Dewar might consider using (the back of) her last school Very truly yours.
CATHERINE WEST. Broomleaf, Harewood Road.

Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. From Mrs Stanley Alexander Sir. Whatever happened to the autograph book? Yours sincerely.
MINDA ALEXANDER,

### 19 Templemere, Weybridge, Surrey. A Solomon needed

From Mr and Mrs D. Howard-Allen Sir. It would greatly improve the quality of our marriage if the Business and Sports reports could be printed in separate sections during Wimbledon fortnight.

Yours faithfully. BRIDGET HOWARD-ALLEN. DAVID HOWARD-ALLEN. Hedges, South Stoke Road, Woodcore, Reading, Berkshire,

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# **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 1: His Excellency Dr Gazi Algosalbi was received in audience by The Prince of Wales and The Princess Royal, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

His Excellent, une contract

of Saudi Arabia.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Ibrahim Mohammed Mosly (Deputy Head of Mission), Mr Saud Ahmed Alyahya (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mr Abdullah O. Barry (Minister Plenipotentiary), Colonel Abdulmohsen Hamad Al-Bassam (Defence Araché), Mr Abdullah Mohammed Al-Nasser (Defence Araché). Abdullah Mohammed Al-Nasser (Cultural Anache), Dr Hussain K. Khogah (Medical Attachė), Mi Mohammed Al-Shedd Al-Sheddi

(Commercial Anaché).

Mrs Algosalbi was also received by Their Royal Highnesses.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present, and the Household In Waiting were in amendance.

Mr Michael Tait was received in audience by The Prince of Wales and The Princess Royal, Wales and The Princess Royal, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tunis.

Miss Louise Croll was received

In audience by The Prince of Wales and The Princess Royal, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen and kissed hands upon her appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary at San Jose

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Innes, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) was present at Glasgow Airport this afternoon upon the arrival of the President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson and weicomed Her Excellency and Mr Robinson on behalf of Her Majesty.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** July 1: The Duke of York Colo-nel-in-Chief, this morning at-tended a parade to mark the formation of the Royal Irish Regiment in Warminster, Wilt-

Captain Rupen Maltland-Titterton was in attendance. His Royal Highness, Patron of the 1992 United States Army Air

The Duke of Edinburgh, as

Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, and the Duke of Kent, royal fellow, will attend a

mark the change in title to the

Royal Academy of Engineering.

The Duke of York will present the

prizes at a winners day at Went-

worth Golf Club, Surrey, at 6.30 in aid of the Paul O'Gorman

Foundation for Children with

The Princess Royal, as President

of Patrons of Crime Concern, will

preside at the launch of Youth Crime Prevention Panels - New

Initiative, on HMS President.

Blackfriars, at 11.00; and as President of the Princess Royal

trust's headquarters at 16 Byward

Lord Beloff, 79; Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP. 52: Lady Crawshay, chairman, Local Gov-

ernment Boundary Commission,

Wales, 65: Sir Hugh Cubitt,

former chairman, The Housing

Corporation, 64; Mr Dennis

Flanders, artist, 77: Miss Jerry

Hail, model, 36; Lord Home of

the Hirsel, KT. 89; Lord Mackay of Clashfern, 65; Mr Dennis Marks, general director-des-ignate, English National Opera,

Forces Reunion, this evening at-tended a reception given by the British American Forces Dining Club at St James's Palace. Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in

**CLARENCE HOUSE** July 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning vis-ited the Royal Horticultural Soci-

ety, Wisley.

Her Majesty subsequently honoured the Chairman of the Garden Society (Sir Giles Loder) with her presence at the Society's 70th Anniversary Luncheon.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 1: The Prince of Wales this evening received the Rt Hon John Major, MP. (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) at St James's Palace.

James's Palace.

The Princess of Wales, Patron,
ASPIRE (Association for Spinal
Injury Research, Rehabilitation
and Reintegration) visited the
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Trust at Brockley Hill,
Stanmore, Middlesex,
Captain Edward Musto, RM,
was in attendance.

Today is the anniversary of the birthday of The Princess of Wales.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 1: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon today at-tended a luncheon at the Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley, given to mark the Seventieth Anniversary of the Garden

KENSINGTON PALACE July 1: The Duchess of Glouces-ter, Patron. Papworth and Enham Foundation for Handicapped People, today attended the Papworth Trust 75th Anniversary Conference at Papworth Hall, Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire and was received on arrival by Captain Nigel Chancellor (Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).
Mrs Howard Page was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE July 1: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships at imbledon, London SW 19. Mrs Peter Troughton was in

The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Genoa, Italy.

stitute of Transport, she will open the new extension to the Freight

Centre, Wadhurst, at 3.15; and

the Paint Industries Club.

Sheffield at 3,30.

as President of the Save the

Karl Parker, former keeper,

Ashmolean Museum, 97; Lord

Sieff of Brimpion, 79: Mrs Ann

Taylor, MP, 45; Mr John

Timpson, broadcaster, 64; Canon

F.C. Tindall, principal emeritus,

Salisbury Theological College, 92; the Duke of Wellington, KG,

77: Sir Alan Wilson, former

Today's royal engagements

Birthdays today



Royal subject: Jack Harman, left, creator of a new sculpture of the Queen in Ottawa meets the monarch and Brian Mulroney, Canadian prime minister

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacopo Sansovino, scuiptor, Florence, 1486; Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury 1533-56, Aslockon, Nots. 1489; Christoph von Gluck, composer. Weidenwang, Germany, 1714; Sir William Henry Bragg, Wigton, Cumbria, 1862; Hermann Hesse, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1946: Calw, Germany, 1877.

Children Fund, will attend a fundraising dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel at 7.00 given by DEATHS: Jean-Jacques Rous seau, philosopher, Ermenonville, Princess Margaret will open the Church Army Wilson Carlile Coll-France, 1778; Samuel Hahnemann, originator of homeopathy, Paris, 1843; Sir Robert Peel ege of Evangelism in Sheffield at 2.15; and will visit the premises of prime minister 1834-5, 1841-6, Hiram Scissor Manufacturers in London, 1850; Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, actor-manager, London, 1917; Amelia Earhart, The Duke of Kent, President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, and the Duchess of aviator, lost over the Pacific Ocean, 1937; Ernest Heming-Keni will attend Wimbledon at way, writer, Nobel laureate 1954. committed suicide. Ketchum, Ohio, 1961; Walter Hammond, Gloues and England cricketer, Durban, 1915; Betty Grable, film actress, Santa Monica, Califor-nia, 1973; Vladimir Nabokov, 44: Mr Ferdinand Mount, Journalist, 53; Lord Owen, 54; Sir novelist, Montreux, 1977.

### Church news

Clergy appointments The Rev Raymond Jones, non-stipendiary Minister (Coventry): to be Team Vicar. Probus Team Ministry (Truro).

The Battle of Marston Moor.

# Queen makes plea for Canadian unity

FROM JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

THE Queen waded into Canada's dispute over national unity yesterday with a message to Canadian political leaders to put the national interest first in their efforts to forge a new constitutional

Addressing a vast crowd on Parliament Hill, gathered to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Canadian confederation, the Queen said that the country's reputation for tolerance and common sense was

being put to the test. She urged Canadian leaders to spare no effort in their pursuit of a constitutional compromise accommodating the distinctive character of Quebec province within Canada, the historic rights of aboriginal people, and institutional reform.

These are all emotioncharged and highly-provocative issues in last-ditch attempts now under way to work out a comprehensive plan of constitutional renewai. The process has bogged down over such things as Quebec's demand for recognition as a distinct society within Canada, and a veto over future constitutional change and the demands of Canada's native Indians for self-government. Some provinces want reform of the Senate, the Upper House of country's parliament.

French-speaking Quebec has boycotted the discussions and is to hold a referendum on sovereignty on October

and foremost of the national

Interest - Canada's interest".

in an apparent reference to the incessant squabbling among provincial, federal and aboriginal politicians that has marked the negotiating process, the Queen stressed that "the real constitution is not east immutably on the printed page, but lives in the hearts of the people". She went on to urge Canadian leaders to "think first

### Luncheons

Prime Minister function held yesterday at 10 Downing Street to mark the visit of the Commission of the European Communities on the first day of the United Kingdom presidency. Among those present

Law Society
Mr Philip Ely, President of the
Law Society, was host at a
luncheon held yesterday at 60
Carey Street. The guests included: Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Mr Harvey Crush, Mr Bren Gill, Mr Guy Green and Mr J.R. Grieves.

### Receptions

British Wizo The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs Biran attended a reception held yesterday at 107 Gloucester Place to mark Rebecca Sieff Day. Mrs Brenda Katten, President o British Wizo (Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain and Ireland) and Chairman of the and Iretand) and Chairman of the Zionist Federation, presented the Rebecca Sieff Awards for 1992 to Mrs Jessie Balter and Mrs Ruth Jacobson. Judge Israel Finestein, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Mrs Gina Monty, Chairman of British Wizo, were the speakers.

Guild of Freemen of the City of Mr Derek L. Kemp, Master of the Guild of Freemen of the Chy of London, and Mrs Kemp received members and their guests at a reception held yesterday at the City of London School.

### Dinner

The Earl of Landerdale The Earl of Lauderdale was host at a dinner on Tuesday night at the Houses of Parliament. The guest of honour was the Right Hon Tim Eggar, MP, Mindster of State for Energy. Others present

# Marriage

Mr J.R.L. Bridel and Miss N.A. Lloyd The marriage took place on July 1, 1992, in London, between Jon, son of Mr and Mrs Ron Bridel, of Castel, Guernsey, and Nicole, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Lloyd, of Adelaide, Australia.

### Cambridge Tripos results Computer Science

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# Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.C.M. Bevan and Miss S.L. Royds The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Hugo Bevan, of The Old House, Little Everdon, Northamptonshire, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael

Royds, of Armathwaite, Cumbria. Mr RAJ. Curtis Mr R.A.J. Curis and Miss L.L. Boon
The engagement is announced between Richard Alexander John, son of the late Dato R.J.F. Curis. PJK. and Datin M. Curtis, of Fauvic, Jersey, Channel Islands. and Lurraine Ling Li, daughter of Mr and Mrs Boon Yoon Chiang, of Ridley Park. Singapore.

Mr A.J. Eisner and Miss J. Newberr The engagement is announced between Alan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harry Eisner, of London, and Jeanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Newbury, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

### Mr J.R. Hawkins and Miss J.E. Marshall

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr P.C.A. Hawkins and of Mrs A.C.H. Bircham, of Lustleigh, Devon, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F.B. Marshall, of Godalming, Surrey.

# Mr M.L. Morony and Miss E.R.A. Gent

The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of the late General Sir Thomas Morony and of Lady Morony, of Yerminster. Dorset, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E.E. Gent, of Bexley.

# Mr J-P. de Soisso and Miss S. Toti

The engagement is announced between John-Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian de Soissons. of Swafield Hall, Norfolk, and Silvana, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Renato Tod, of Johannesburg, South Africa. and Miss I. Yeend
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.S. Snook, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Laura, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Yeend, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr R.A. Spicer and Mrs P.A. Cochrane

The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of the late Mr and Mrs T.J. Spicer, and Ann, daughter of the late Mr F. Renshaw and of Mrs F. Renshaw.

Mr R.A.D. Symington and Miss M.A. Gates and Miss M.A. Gates
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs James Symington, of Oporto, Portugal, and Anne, youngest daughter of Mr Millo Gates, of San Francisco, California and the late Mrs

Mr W.F. Thomas-Davies and Miss C.M. Tacon The engagement is announced between William, son of John and

between Wilnam, son of Joan and Frances Thomas-Davies, of Loosley Row. Buckinghamshire, and Christine. daughter of Peter Tacon, of Steyning, West Sussex, and Beryl Tacon, of Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr J.C. Wellenseyer and Miss L.A. Metcalf The engagement is announced between John, second son of the late Mr and Mrs E.H. Wellemeyer, of Princeton, New Jersey, and Louise, only daughter of Mrs A.B. Metcalf, of Northumberland, and the late Mr C.D. Metcaif, of Zimbabwe.

Mr J.C. Woodman and Mrs A.J. Dennis The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr Bill Woodman and of Mrs Joyce Woodman, of Purky, Surrey, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Gahan, of Dummer,

# Mapping out future for world's birdlife

A QUARTER of the world's birds could be conserved by protecting 5 per cent of the earth's surface, according to a report by the International Council for Bird Preservation.

The finding follows a three-year research project by a team of scientists throughout the world. They digitally mapped the distribution of all birds with ranges of less than 50,000 kilometres - (30,000

Some 2,600 species, more than a quarter, fell into that category. Areas with concen-trations of the species were then identified, revealing that over 95 per cent occurred in

"Comparison with available data on plants and other animals indicates that these areas are also extremely important centres for overall blo-diversity," said the coun-cil, which is based in

Cambridge. The 221 "hot spots" of blodiversity occupy just 5 per

cent of the earth's land surface. Yet despite their importance it says 92 per cent of the land area of these vital places is unprotected. A spokeswoman said yes-

terday that none of the sites was in Britain. The nearest was in Cyprus and most were within tropical zones.
Dr Christoph Imboden,

director general of the coun-cil, said: "The need to conserve the world's bio-diversity was recognised at the Rio earth summit. The council has taken a giant stride in identifying the most important areas for conservation. This report should be taken as a blueprint for action, and conservationists to ensure that efforts are directed where they will have most effect."

Putting bio-diversity on the Map - Priority areas for Global Conservation (International Council for Bird Preservation, 32

Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0PJ; £12.50)

### Hawthornden Prize for Literature

The Hawthornden Prize for 1992 was presented to Mr Ferdinand Mount for his novel Of Lave and Asthma at a dinner given on Tuesday evening at the Garrick

The Earl of Iveagh A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Earl of Iveagh will be

held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey on Wednes-day, July 22, 1992, at noon. Tickets are not required. All are

# Lord Howe

The life barony conferred upon Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baron Howe of Aberavon, of Tandridge in the County of Surrey. Lord Owen

The life barony conferred upon Mr David Owen has been ga-zened by the name, style and title of Baron Owen of the City of

### Brocklebank Chub The inaugural meeting of the Brocklebank Club will be held at The Antelope, Eaton Square, at

# Telephone 071 481 4000

BIRTHS

GORDÓN - On June 30th, to Harriet and John, a son.

HOPE-HAWKINS - On June 18th, to Sally and Richard, a son. Henry Anthony. Nephew to Charliet

HOPKINS - On June 22nd, to Anne thee Colding) and David, a son, Alexander

REEVE - On June 29th 1992. to Jacqui (nee Parker) and Tom. a son. Jordan Edward

REGIS - On June 23rd, at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Peter and Gillie. a daughter, Francesca.

ROBERTSON - On July 1st. to Judith thee Wilson; and John, a daughter

ROUPELL - On June 26th. Io Louisa thee Rooneyi and Christopher. a son. Joscelyn Peter Sant. a brother for

SANDO - On June 29th 1992. at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah Havens and Gregg Sando, a son. Nichotas Jetfrey Sando.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ALLEN - On June 29th, to Harriet inée Rankeni and Giles, a son, Rory Alastair Giles, a brother for Phueba and George

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BURTON - On June 25th 1992, to Saily (new Newton) and Mark, a daughter, Jenniter Clare, a sister for Timothy and Oliver.

COMERFORD - On June 27th. to Catherine Inde Clark) and John, a son. Milo John Francis.

CRIPPS - On June 27th, at Queen Chariotle's, to Margaret (nde Mullin) and James, a son, Frederick Alfred Michael, a brother for DAVIDSON - On June 23rd.

SOWERBUTTS - On June 26th 1992, to Julia take Josephsi and Kevin, yet another sont Trothus James Ramsay, a brother for Joe and Theo. TYMAN - On June 27th, at home, to Helen Inte Mathew; and Bill. a boy. Julian Mathew Thanks Anne, ingrid and Annetie.

BLANCHFORD - On June 30th, peacefully in Asminster, Brian Seward Blanchford, C.B.E., Captain Royal Navy Ireld, 1998 83 Beloved husband of Peggy, father of Peter and Nigel and much loved grandfather Our grateful thanks for the losting care he received a Silvoriality. Asminster, Memorial Service Tuesday July 7th at 2 30 pm at SC Clies Church, Klimington No Rowers please but donations if desired to Royal British Legion, local treasurer S. Bowles 4 Silver Lea, Klimington, Axminster, Devon Ext. 3 75.1.

CLYME - On July 1st 1992 peacefully at his home. Charles Andrew Cooper, aged 46 years. Truls loved and for ing husband of Elizabeth and adored father of Alex, Jonathan and Suzie Funeral Service at St. Andrews Church, lipplepen, on Tuesday July 7th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Macmillan Nurses Trust Fund or Rowcroft Hospice may be sent in Torbay & District Funeral Service. Wellswood House, 11 Babbacombe Road, Torquay

CROCKETT - On June 27th 1992. at The Nuffield Hospital, Lancaster, John Alexander Crocketi Filment. E. R.N.R. very dearly loved husband of Joan, faiher of Penny and Mary, and grandpa to Gareth and Raty Funeral at Si James', Weybridge, Surres, on Tuesday July 7th at 2 pm Family flowers only please, Donallons, If desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o Funeral Directors, Enquiries to Preston, Ireland and Bowker, 208 Queen Street, Lancaster, lei (0524) 64023

DEATHS

D'ETCHEVERS - On June 29th, Jacqueline, peacefuily after long illness at Bayonne. DUFF - On June 24th 1992, peacefully at Nuffield Care Centre, Redhill, Surrey, Hugh William Alexander Duff, aged 86 years The funeral has taken place

EVANS - On June 28th, our very special friend. Miss Vera Evans. drifted peacefully to sleep after a short illness. We thank the staff at Si Charles's and The staff at All the staff at Si Charles's and Hospital who cared for her and eased her going. 'Wake up, O sleeper. rise from the dead, and Christ will shifte on you.'

GOLD - On June 30th 1992. Robert Martin, aged 81 years, suddenly, at King Edward VII Hosbital for Officers. Funeral Service at SI Mary The Virgin Church. Primtose Hill, London, on Tuesday July 7th at 11 am, followed by cremation at Golders Green. If its intended to hold a requiem service of thanksgiving in September which will be announced at a later date. Enquiries to Loverton & Sons Lid Funeral Directors. Tel: 10711 387-6075.

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HOCKEY - On June 30th in London. Patrick William Hockey Lafe of Nindooinbah. Beaudeseri and Surry Hills. Sydney. Australia Beloved husband of Margaret. much foved son of Max and the lafe Neil Much loved brother and uncle of David. Heather. Max Tim and Elizabeth. A Funeral Eukharis will be held at Christ Church St Laurence, George Street South. Railway Square. Sydney. on Saturday July 4th 1992 at 4 pm.

DEATHS

INKPEN - On June 27th 1992, peacefully in a Bournemouth rest home. Gordon Ray, aged 79 years, formerly of The Property Services Agency Beloved husband of Mary. Funeral Service at Poote Crematorium on Monday July 6th at 2.30 pm Flowers may be sent to Chartes Small & Son Funeral Directors. 15 West Street. Wimborne. Dorset, let: 10202) 882372.

KOHNSTAMM - On June 30th, at home after a long liliness borne with courage and humour. Hillda née Rychwalski, widow of Ernst and mother of Jackle. Funeral on Monday July 6th at the Golders Green Crematorium at 1.15 pm. No flowers. donations to the North Landon Hospice. 47 Woodside Avenue, London N12 8TF or the Barnel Care Attendant Scheme. Avenue House. East End Road. Finchley N3 3QE

MANKOWITZ - On Tuesday MANKOWITZ - On Tuesday June 30th. Jonathan Adam, beloved son of Wolf and Ann, and brother of Gered. Daniel and Ben. after a long lines courageously fought. No flowers please but contributions to Macmillan Fund Cancer Retief Cremation at Golders Green East Chapel. Thursday 2nd at 12 20

MITCHELL - On June 27th 1992. In Si Christopher's Hospice, Barbara aged 61 3-427 of Steenham, SE26. Funeral Service Monday July 6th at Holy Trinity Church 215 pm. for a committal at Lewisham Crematorium 5 pm All enduries to Kellaways F/S. 104 Lordship Lane, SE22 181 (081) 693-2898.

PELHAM REID - On June 26th 1992. Major George, peacefully in Si Lucia and was buried at sea on Sunday

PRYTHERCH - On June 30th 1992, Mary, aged 79, wife of William Wynne Prytherch. Petersow. Ross-on-Wys. Funeral at 2.30 pm Friday July 3rd at Peterstow Church, Garden flowers.

ROBOROUGH - On June 30th peacefully at home. Masser Henry Edgcumbe, 2nd Baron Roborough of Maristow, Private funeral at St Martin's Chapel, Maristow Monday July 6th. Femily flowers only. Memorial service Friday July 10th at St Mars's, Bickleigh 11.30 am. SIMPSON - On June 27th.
David Robert Stuart,
peacefully, courageously and
suddenly from cancer.
Service at Burrswood,
Groombridge, July 2nd 3pm.

STANDRING - On June 30th, peacefully at the Manor House, Upton. Wirral, Croffrey Hugh Mather, aged 90, dearly loved husband of the late Mariorie and loving father of Elizabeth and Bruce. Funeral Service at Birkenhead School Chapel on Tuesday July 7th 1992 at 2.15pm followed by private cremation.

June 30th. peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends. Peter aged 46. son of Arthur and Hildshorther of Lorna and Roy. Private funeral. No flowers, and the surface to Crustid.

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exorbitancies any way but one CHOPIN (c) A ceramic cup, or a measure held in such a cap, from the old French measure of a chopine representing anything from half a piut to a litre, and various receptacles for holding it: "My landlord brought up a chopin of white wine,"

OUISBY - -(b) Queer, not right, a bankrapt, along, of obscure formation, perhaps from quit an eccentric "To say that a man is without money, or in poverty, some persons remark that he is quisby, done up."

(a) A visiting professor, lecturer or teacher, especially as a technical term in some American universities, from the stem of the Latin decre to teach: "The young docents, whose speciality is sentitle philology."



# **OBITUARIES**

# **MARIE PODVALOVA**

Marie Podvalova, Czech soprano and principal of the opera of the National Theatre in Prague, died on May 16 aged 82. She was born in Bohemia on September 5, 1909.

THE drop of the iron curtain after the communist takeover of Czechoslovakia meant that Marie Podvalova was scarcely heard outside her native land and had no chance of making a career in the West. It was her misfortune to have been born at the wrong time: her best years were in the

But she had the satisfaction of knowing that during the Nazi occupation the Czech public identified her with the title role in Smetana's great patriotic opera Libuse. Her singing of the prophetic finale gave hope to everybody. Her voice and personality influenced the interpretation of main roles in Czech opera for dramatic soprano, such as Milada (in Smetana's Dalibor), Janacek's Sarka and the Kostelnicka in the same composer's Jenufa. But she sang also Leonore, both Aida and Amneris and Tosca. Marie Podvalova studied with Anna Fassati and at-tended the Conservatory in Prague, where Doubravka Branbergrova was her main teacher. It was the conductor Vaclay Talich who first recognised her extremely powerful voice and who recommended her to start her operatic career and gain experience in Brno. At 28 Podvalova re-turned to Prague ready to take on such leading roles as Santuza, Amelia and Senta. Her slender frame and expressively beautiful face won her thousands of admirers.

Her first records, made shortly after the war, give some indication of the dramatic passion she was able to inject into her portrayals. Later, alas, the voice became unsteady and she was possi-bly ill-advised to give some of her later performances in the 1960s and 1970s. But her audience remained despite the decline in voice quality and homage was still paid to the name of Podvalova throughout Czechoslovakia.

### MARION POTTLE

Marion Pottle, who collaborated with her husband Frederick A. Pottle, the American Boswell scholar, in many of his writings and editorial work on Boswell, has died in Ithaca, New York, aged 94. She was born in Oxford, Maine, on October 23, 1897.

FOR years international scholars of the eighteenth century in Britain depended upon Mrs Pottle for her knowledge (and total recall) of the contents of the Boswell Papers. Her husband, himself known by colleagues as "Boswell's Boswell" from his voluminous knowledge of his subject, frequently held that "only Marion" had read "eyery word of the manuscripts": indeed, she seemed capable of recalling any portion of

them at will She wrote the catalogue of the collection, a task continually being finished only to be forestalled by the arrival of a fresh batch of newly acquired or newly discovered

Marion Isabel Starbird was educated at Colby College, Maine, Simmons College, Boston, where she took her MA in 1919, and at Yale

where she took another MA in 1933. She married Frederick A. Pottle, who became Sterling Professor of English at Yale, general editor of the Yale edition of the private papers of James Boswell, and Boswell's biographer.

For more than sixty years she worked at the Yale Law School Library, the Univer-sity of New Hampshire Library, and at the Yale Library.

She was the author (with her husband) of the Catalogue of the Private Papers of James Boswell (the Isham Collection, 1931) and (with her husband and C. Colleer Abbott) of the Catalogue of the Papers of James Boswell at Yale University (which is to be published by the University of Edinburgh Press).

She worked on the Boswell Papers first at Ralph Heyward Isham's Long Island estate and then in an office in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, which she continued regularly to visit well into her 84th year.

Her husband and younger son, the composer Samuel Heald Pottle, predeceased her. She is survived by her elder son.

### Carlos d'Alessio

CARLOS d'Alessio, the Argentine-born French composer whose arrangements backed films, bands and commercials, has died of complications arising from Aids

D'Alessio firs, made his mark in New York in the 1960s, with electronic music

### Karl-Erik Welin

Karl-Erik Welin, Swedishborn composer and organist, has died at his home in Majorca aged 58. He was known for writing and performing avant-garde organ and piano music. Several European compositions in the style of John Cage. He moved first to minimalist then conceptual art, his music sometimes backing television commerc-

He moved from New York to Paris in 1972 and took French citizenship in 1984. He wrote a number of musiand scores for films based on the wovels of Marguerite Duras such as India Song (1975) and Enfants (1985).

composers wrote music espe-cially for high, including Gyorgy Ligeti of Austria and Sylvano Bussotti of Italy. Welin studied at the music conservatories in Berlin and Stockholm. His works include Renovationes, Manzit, Warum Nicht?, Pereo and A

# CHRISTIAN FERBER

Christian Ferber, German author, essayist and journalist on the Bonn national daily, Die Welt, died on June 26 in hospital at Midhurst, Sussex, aged 72. He was born in Eberswalde, a small town north-east of Berlin, on October 31, 1919.

CHRISTIAN Ferber chose his pseudonym in preference to his true name, Georg Seidel, in order to free himself from the burden of being the son of one of Germany's most celebrated writers. Ina Seidel, whose own books sold in hundreds of thousands in the German-speaking world. Most notably, her Das Wunschkind sold well over a million copies, though she has never been made available to the English reader.

With his death, a distinguished literary dynasty that endured for nearly two centuries comes to its close. Christian Ferber's father Heinrich, also an established writer, doubled as pastor of a small Lutheran congregation in a working-class area of Berlin. In his youth Ferber attended the famous Salem school which had been founded at Schondorf by Kurt Hahn. There, a young contemporary was the future Duke of Edinburgh. During the Hitler period Hahn, as a Jew, transferred his school to Gordonstoun in Scotland.

The boy had every prospect open to him but chose not to proceed with academic study and began employment in a bookshop, then as a publisher's reader. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he strenuously refused to take a combatant role but served as an ambulance driver on the Russian front. His mother had been lecturing to the troops and accepted a speaking engage-ment in Paris on condition that her son be brought back from Russia so that they might meet in the French

Ferber had already left.



capital. He was subsequently captured in Holland and saw out the hostilities as a prisoner-of-war on a Yorkshire

Repatriated only in 1947, Ferber returned to a Berlin still in ruins, his father dead but his mother as active in the literary world as always. Ferber himself was, with Heinrich Böll, among the founders of Gruppe 47, a band of young writers in rebellious mood. They felt passionately on the subject of Nazi-inspired literature. They brought an angry, iconoclastic wind to German letters in expiation of their elders' crime of apathy towards Nazi barbarism. This was an immensely creative period and Ferber soon developed as a popular broadcaster at a time when radio became a constant source of solace to a nation divided, demoralised

and hungry.

He made his reputation within the extensive Springer organisation as a writer in the Continental feuilletoniste tradition on any subject, except politics, that took his fancy. In the course of his career Ferber was twice awarded the Theodor Wolff Prize, the highest distinction in German journalism. Additionally, he wrote light fiction under other pseudonyms and was an active member of the German PEN.

Late in 1968 he was posted to London by Die Welt to cover the arts scene throughout Western Europe, in the

course of which Ferber annually turned in satirical copy on the grotesqueries of the Cannes film festival.

In early 1951 he had married Ursula Liederwald, herself well-known as a dramatic actress of the reborn German theatre. Together they culti-vated an affectionate curiosity about all things English. Our peculiar mores provided Fer-ber with inexhaustible material. He could produce a sparkling thousand words on any subject equally from the burgeoning rash of Chinese takeaways to the protocol sur-rounding royal occasions. The Ferbers settled in the heart of the countryside on the Surrey-Hampshire border where the goings-on in village society formed the subject of some of his most evocative and delightful essays.

On the death of his mother in 1974 Ferber wrote his bestselling Die Seidels, a family saga going back to the earli-est Seidel author, the pastor Heinrich Alexander, who in 1839, at the age of 28, began the creative tradition with a

book of poems.
In Die Seidels Ferber honestly tackled his mother's amsivalent situation as a leading literary figure whose failure to raise an influential voice against the Nazi regime cast a shadow over her reputation in the immediate post-war

Ferber's humanity was demonstrated particularly in his relationship with Jewish friends. Recalling the many Jewish writers and artists among his parents' circle in the liberal Berlin of the Weimar Republic, he felt an affinity with their successors. His many critiques of their work made them familiar to a new German readership determined on a reconciliation with the Jewish people as a

Ursula, who survives him, eased the strains of Ferber's failing health in his last years with dedicated care.

# **APPRECIATIONS**

### John Loutit

TO GIVE a complete record of John Louris contribution to radiobiology one other ac-tivity should be added to those mentioned in your excellent obituary of June 19. In the early 1950s, strongly

backed by Sir John Cockroft. the director of AERE. Harwell, Lourit argued that the contamination of food supplies should be considered as a possible consequence of the escape of radioactive materials into the environment this was before the effects of fall-out from atomic weapons were widely recognised. Loutit realised that cooperation from agricultural science was needed on this question and, because I was using radioactive isotopes in research on plants and soil in Oxford, I was drawn in.

Our preliminary assessment guided those who had to deal with contaminated milk after the Windscale accident in 1957. Later when the Agricultural Research Council asked me to set up its radiobiological laboratory one might call it a very small brother of Loutit's MRC unit - he gave me invaluable sup-port and friendship.

He was a man of many interests, to all of which he gave the meticulous attention which characterised his scientific work. He was a devout but completely unostentaof England. In his early years his superb physique won him laurels in tennis. Later, cricket and gardening became his main outdoor enthusiasms. On Friday evenings in winter he often drew together a group of colleagues to play bar-billiards in a local pub after the week's work was done. An interesting and innovative cook, he did a cor-don-bleu cookery course in the 1960s and always produced superb dinners with wines carefully matched to the food. His modesty, sense of humour and talents earned him very many friends.

Dr R. Scott Russell

### Sir James Stirling

ALTHOUGH the occasion of an obituary is not the most felicitous moment to strike a discordant note, your obituarist's glowing reference (June 27) to the late Sir James Stirling's bookshop at the Venice Biennale cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged.

It is described as "elegant" and "complementing" the nearby buildings in the Biennale. I have heard it described elsewhere and with greater accuracy as being akin to an oil tanker with something resembling a huge Coke tin on top (its funnel,

perhaps?).
The building is out of context in the Biennale and far from "complementing" (what does this mean?) the harmony of the surrounding magnifi cent range of period buildings, its general effect is at best compromising, at worst

Of course, the Biennale and Venetian planning authori-



ties must take a substantial share of the blame for allowing the phenomenon to proceed. There is no earthly reason why a new bookshop could not have been incorporated in the designs for the rebuilding of the Italian pavilion - and I do mean a proper bookshop, for the Stiring bookshop is an outlet only for books published by

Michael Batchelor

### Margot Heinemann

IT WAS with great sadness that I read about Margor Heinemann (obiniary, June 19); may I add a mibute?

Having been taught by Margot at the University of London Goldsmith's College I shall remember her always as an inspirational lecturer and tutor whose passionate enthusiasm for, and penetrating insight into, the riches of Shakespearean, Jacobean and twentieth century poetry and drama imbued students with a lasting appreciation for the subject and a thirst for further knowledge.

Tutorials were conducted by her determination that students should not copy notes. perfunctorily but rather concentrate on listening to the strength and effect of each

word from the text - an objective easily obtainable owing to the power of her own delivery when reciting virtually any piece of literature. Margot gained the utmost

respect for her vast knowledge and experience, and was admired with a deep affection for that marvellously incisive wit which surfaced\_delightfully and sometimes most unexpectedly in the midst of intense discussions. To be taught by her was exciting, stimulating and not a little dangerous for any student unprepared in a set

Despite suffering at times from ill health, her priority of vigorous encouragement remained unflagging as she continued to help with a genuine compassion and understanding the needs and problems of her students.

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# FREDERICK EXLEY Gatsby." A Fan's Notes won the William

Frederick Exley, an award-winning author whose autobiographical tril-ogy won him a cult following in the United States but little financial success, died after a stroke in Alexandria Bay, New York, on June 17 aged 63. He was born in Watertown, New York, on March 28, 1929.

IF EVER a man capitalised on personal misfortune, that man was Frederick Exley. Two failed marriages, three stays in mental institutions, two attempts at suicide and frequent bouts of drunken debauchery were mined to produce three books that established him as a formidable, albeit controversial, figure on the

American literary scene. 'My problem is always one of reiningin reality," he once told an interviewer, "not of hyperbole." But with Exley it was difficult to tell where reality ended and fiction began. A Fan's Notes (1968). Pages from a Cold Island (1975), and Last Notes from Home (1988) were all described as novels, although the main character in each was called Frederick Exley and the contents were unashamedly autobiographical. The author himself asked to be judged as "a writer of fantasy" but it was fantasy with the cutting edge of truth.

For 15 years after his graduation from the University of California with a BA degree in English, Exley drifted through a variety of jobs, ranging from public relations work for a railroad company to teaching English in public schools, both of which occupations he disliked intense-

"I found that by the Thanksgiving holiday the majority of my students



despised me, I loathed them, and we moved warily about each other snarling like antic cars," he said. "You take just as much abuse for \$8.000 teaching school as you do for double the money in public

relations." His first book, A Fan's Notes, was rejected by 14 publishers before it was finally accepted by Harper and Row, but it then received excellent reviews. Said one critic: "Sometimes I am of the opinion that it is the best novel written in the English language since The Great year's most notable first novel and it was nominated for a National Book Award. But for all the critical acclaim, it sold a mere 8,600 copies. When it was published in England,

Faulkner Foundation Award as the

reviews were mixed. Derek Mahon, writing in The Listener, described it as "a work of depth and seriousness - a moving, richly humorous record of humiliation and perseverance." But Stanley Reynolds, reviewing the book for The New Statesman, wrote: "The effect here is rather like getting buttonholed by a drunk in a bar who grips you by both lapels, breathing whisky and polysyllables into your face, and never uses two words when he can possibly find ten that will do." Such critical disagreements were des-

tined to follow Exicy throughout his literary career. Reviewers loved his work or hated it, but none remained indifferent. For Exley, the one constant was his lack of commercial success. Although the plaudits for his first book gained him a \$50,000 publisher's advance for his second, plus a \$10,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, Pages From a Cold Island was quickly remaindered when it finally appeared, and Last Notes From Home did not fare much better.

For all that, he achieved wide popularity among college students, and even his fiercest critics would admit to looking forward to his next book. But the fourth novel never came.

Frederick Extey is survived by one daughter from each of his two brief marriages.

# University news

Orderd Elections nections
70 Ordinary Feliuwship: Caristopher
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70 Emeritor Feliuwships (from October
1): John Argyle: Michael Bulmer,
Geoffrey Carton; Codfrey Sanderson.
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Fynes.
To the Michael Coulson Fellowship in Indology 1992-93 (from January 1, 1993): Gregory Sharkey.
To the Creative Arr Fellowship (from October 1): Amit Chaudhuri. To the Yamanouchi Research Pelipu-ship in Cell Biology (from October I); David Jarkenn David Jackson.
To the Spalding Visiting Fellowship in Indology 1991-2: Gudrup Suhnemann.

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To Charter Fellowships (academic year 1992-3): Georgia Clarker, Simon Stodari.
To Wollson Industrial Fellowship (academic years 1992-4): Richard Ball.
To Visiting Fellowship (for the academic years 1992-3): Gianfuigi Ballin (Radcillie Lecturer in the Philosophy of Stathenatics).

### SCHOOL OF MEDICINIT

Appointments
Dr Allan Madean to the Chair in Obstavics and Gynaecology.
Professor Geoffrey Goldspink to
the Chair in Anatomy and
Developmental Biology.

Appointments Lord Camoys to be a Lord in Waiting to the Queen in succes-

# ON THIS DAY

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The English woman who wrote this account after her return home a year laser was one of Petrograd which had been forcibly removed to Moscow by the Bolsheviks.

AN **ENGLISHWOMAN** IN MOSCOW Terrible Plight of the Free

About a year ago I was brought under guard to Moscow. As many have described the prison life, another description would be superfluous. What is more interesting in the everyday life of the so-called free. I was the only English-woman in the house where I lived with a number of Russians. The congestion was awful. The unmarried were sometimes allowed a small room per person, provided the floor space did not exceed eight square arsheens (18 sq. h.). You might be enjoying the luxury of a few square feet more than was allowed, when suddenly, without being consulted, a perfect strategy would be a perfect stranger would be sent to share your room. Mar-ried people were even worse off, husband and wife often being forced to share a room with a grown-up son and daughter.
In addition to this the

electricity was very uncertain.
In Petrograd long ago, it was
absolutely car off-from private
houses—and only allowed in
Soviet offices. In Moscow, it was allowed between certain of the darkest hours — every other night — but liable to be cut off at any moment without warnat any moment without warning, not to appear again for several days. Needless to say, there were practically no candles. You might search every bazaar and only find one or two at fabulous prices. I have forgotten what they cost lately, but long ago remember them costing 200 roubles each—shout F20 (nominally). about E20 (nominally).

The winter of 1919-1920 was unusually severe, very of-ten freezing to 20, 25 and even 30 degrees, and the accompanying discomforts indescrib-ably awful. As there was no transport, there was con-sequently no wood, except for a few houses where few houses where consequen-tial Bolshevists lived or Sovietsky sloujeschy (Soviet

I think worse than hunger was the suffering from the cold, because it meant that we never had a moment free from discomfort and even pain, and the irritation and nervousness arising from it nearly unbinged our minds. How many hopeless imberiles there are as a result we shall never know. To get up in the morning and try to wash in a room where there were several degrees of frost was torture — our fingers and toes swelled hideously and afterwards many suffered from tringer, a dread disease that carried off many. It arises from hunger and cold and only the very hardiest withstood it.

very hardiest withstood it.

Every day was the same appaling rush and unsuccessful search for food. This was enough to drive to despair those among us who had children. Just as though to make things worse, children forgot to be capricious and descioned enoughers senerative.

developed enormous appearies.

Things got from bad to worse each succeeding day, and the price of food was so crazily and unattainably high that no matter what money you received you could never make both ends meet. All these physical trials were bad enough, but they were merely art antidote to the appalling mental depression and worries.
For instance, the nightly obulsk or supprise search parties, organised by the Extraordinary Commission. They dinary Commission. They generally took place at 3 a.m. So those of us who were gulley of such criminal offences against Bolshevist law as being British, ex-bourgeois, officers relatives, or having had relatives holding high positions under the Tsar's regime quite lost the habit of sleeping until after that dread hour was need. after that dread hour was past.

# Latest wills

The Right Hon Frederick Anthony Hamilton Wills, 2nd Baron Duverton of Batsford, a former director of Imperial Tobacco, president of the Timber Growers Association and of the British Deer Society, a trustee of the World Wildlife Fund and president of the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation, left estate valued at £7,015,147 net. He left his estate mostly to his widow and children.

Mrs Mabel Jane Donning of Noctorum, Merseyside, widow of Strafford Donning, left estate valued at £674,724 net. She left her entire estate to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Liverpool. Ethel Cottell Webber, of Preston.

Ethel Cottell Webber, of Preston, Paignton, Devon, left estate valued at £420,460 net. She left £100,000 to the Preston Baptist church, towards an assistant minister with responsibility for youth. £1,000 each to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and the Retired Baptist Ministers Association. ation, and £200 to the Bible Mr Henry Stephen Hoyles, of

Wellington, Somerset, retired pharmaceutical chemist, left estate valued at £1.836.414 net: Joan Robinson, of Guildford.

Surrey, left estate valued at £475.049 net. She left a personal legacy of £3.000 and the residue equally between the National Trust and Dr Barnado's. Other estates include (net, before Mr Desmond Barine.

Wantage, Oxfordshire .. £567,735.

Kathleen Mildred Baylis, of Leicester ...... £726, 100.

The Hon Dora Gordine Hare, of London SW 15 ..... £1, 173.661. Mr Charles Matthew Jordan, of Little Aston, Staffordsbire

Mr Frank Peter Lake, of Blackmore, Essex ......£548,750. Hampsthwaite, North Yorks £1,188,116.

Mr Charles Kenneth Batchelor, of Harrogate, North Yorks £978.976. Mr Maurice Alexander Cooke, of

Bournemouth, E1.738,779. Mr Alfred Edward Gay, of Swindon, Wilts...................... £869,720. Mr Harold Herbert Madeley, of Bognor Regis, West Sussex £623,100.

Mrs Elizabeth Suvenson Plumb. of Kenilworth. Warwickshire of Kenilworth, Warwickshire E581,837.

Mrs Joy Frances Ross. of Bowness on Windermere, Cumbria E661,702. Dr Joseph William Silversides, of Collingham, West Yorks

at all competitions in 1992. Mr T. Smurthwaite, of Ferring, West Sussex, won 

# Horticulture

# Sweet peas take top honours at show

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

couple from Farnham, Surrey, yesterday won the tro-phy for best exhibit at the first summer flower festival held at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden, Wisley, Surrey. Mr and Mrs W.J. Land were awarded the Daily Mail Cup for 12 vases of blooms and

Trophy.
The festival has been staged in association with the National Sweet Pea Society and the Delphinium Society. and features their national competitions, Among visitors yesterday were the Queen Mother and Princess

the Jack Harris Memorial

Margaret. Mr D. Pacey, of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, won the Clay Cup for the best vast of sweet peas, with the pale lilac cultivar "Honeymoon". The Delphinium Society, which is holding its late competition. awarded the Sewell Bowl for most points to Mr J. Fishenden, of Meonham Kent, who has also gained the Docwra Cup for most points

SWEET peas entered by a the Sewell Vase for the best flower spike (an unnamed purple seedling). The Hot Black Cup for three flower spikes was won by Mr T.R. Wade, of Gomshall, Surrey. who is showing the dusky pink "Rosemary Brock". The Delphinium Society's Golden Medal has been

awarded to David and Shir-

ley Bassett, of Oxted, Surrey,

for a display of delphiniums,

including cream, white and pink cultivars. Specialist nurseries are showing summer flowering plants and various other plants including cacti and bromeliads. A highlight is a display of the pink delphini-um "Princess Caroline", from the Royal Delphinium Group, of Preston, Lanca-shire. This cultivar is grown

for cut blooms and only avail-

able to commercial cut flower

growers as it is susceptible to

The breeding of mildew resistance into pink delphini-ums, however, will eventually enable plants to become wide ly available to gardeners. The festival is open today

from 10am to 5.30pm.

### **Bringing** past into classroom

BY NORMAN HAMMOND ANCHAEOLOGY

ARCHAEOLOGISTS in Northamptonshire are bringing the past to the people in a new partnership with schoolteachers. Pupils in the county's schools are being encouraged to gain hands-on experience by working along-side professionals from the archaeology unit, while real finds from digs are being taken into classrooms.

More than a thousand children benefited from the project in 1991, and this year they are being offered fieldwork opportunities at Kirby Hall, a ruined Elizabethau mansion near Corby. Activities include surveying, recording standing architecture. analysing air photos and other documentary evidence, and working with excavated finds.

This on-site work is backed up by classroom sessions, in-cluding two dozen "handling kits", which include Roman pottery, animal bones, and building materials. Small groups can also attend more specialised sessions at the Northamptonshire Archaeological Unit's headquarters.

sion to Lard Somerleyton. Mr Paul Frances to be Coroner for

# Labour says job total has dropped to 1979 levels

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

LABOUR claimed yesterday that the number of people in work in Britain has fallen to below the level of 1979. At the same time John Major was making plans for a special cabinet meeting to tackle the country's growing economic

Against a background of increasing ministerial scepticism about the government's ability to cut spending, the prime minister has summoned his colleagues to review what is likely to be the toughest public expenditure round for years.

Seeking to tarnish the government's reputation for cre-

# **EC** treaty may be delayed

Continued from page 1 budget had been settled and Maastricht had been ratified by all 12 member states, Mr Major is keen to get on with extending EC membership and M Delors supported his intention of pushing ahead with unofficial talks.

He also emphasised the Commission's readiness "to apply the principle of subsidiarity even before the ratification of the Maastricht treaty". Mr Major said: "We are both committed to looking at ways in which the principle of subsidiarity can be enshrined as a natural part of the Community's instincts rather than something that is just wheeled out from time to

time when it is convenient." William Waldegrave, the minister for public service, announced a London conference in December on "service for the citizen" and made clear that Mr Major will use the EC presidency to try to export his citizen's charter. He wants to encourage member states to provide a better deal, in clearer language, from staff identified by name.

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ating jobs, Henry McLeish, a Labour employment spokes-man, said latest figures showed that the number of jobs in the economy fell by 191,000 from December 1979 to December 1991. Ministers have consistently deflected Labour taunts about rising unemployment by pointing to growth in the number of people in work. That defence has now been called into question.

In discussing spending targets, ministers are undergets, ministers are under-stood to be asking for an additional £14 billion above projected levels despite what informed sources say has been a "mood of realism". The annual public spending cabinet is now to be held in late July after MPs have left Westminster for the long summer recess. Senior gov-ernment sources say it will give Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, full backing to be as tough as possible.

The main reasons for this are the need to control the high public-sector deficit of £28 billion this year and £32 billion next, falling Exchequer revenue and, most important, the need to demonstrate in the first year of a parliament the government's resolve to maintain tight con-

trol of spending.
In their bids to the Treasury, ministers are said to have shown more restraint than usual. In the past many have tended to overbid, fully expecting to be cut back. They are said to have responded to Mr Portillo's appeal, in a series of private meetings, for them to keep overbids to a mlnimum.

This, according to senior cabinet sources, makes it even more difficult to understand where the reductions can be made to send the right signals to the financial markets. The government's difficulties are emphasised by the murmurs of dissent on its back benches. Some Tory MPs are calling for monetary relaxation through cutting interest rates; others favour the Keynesian solution of fiscal relief and are asking if the Treasury Leading article is right to be insisting on and letters, page 15 a tight spending round. is right to be insisting on such



Reflecting on the future: Lt Gen Sir John Wilsey, General Officer Commanding the army in northern Ireland, inspecting the first 33 re-cruits to the Royal Irish Regiment which came into being yesterday. The new regiment marks the passing of the Ulster Defence Regiment, the army's most controversial unit, which combines with the Royal Irish Rangers.

The Duke of York is to be Colonel-in-Chief of the 7.600-strong regiment, which has been described by Sir John, chief architect of the merger, as good for Northern Ireland and good for the army.

By Philip Howard

Answers on page 16 AA HOADWATCH

AA Roadwatch is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

Clue: A PS/2 is

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best (3.3).

Answer: Top saw.

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Today's pollen

count forecast is

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A major advance in haylever

# Food flight for Sarajevo begins

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said that he had sent six naval vessels and 2,200 marines to the Adriatic as a warning to

the Serbian aggressors.
"I am appalled at the human suffering and the killing in Sarajevo, and we will do what we are called upon to do, to utilise whatever we have to see that peace comes to that area," he said.

'Right now we are not pre nared to use those forces" but their deployment was designed to send "a signal to the people over there that we're

serious", Mr Bush said. The president hoped Sarajevo airport could be reopened without resorting to the use of force. But the administration believes that because of the airport's single runway, relief supplies would still have to be transported overland to the Bosnian capital. The US has promised to

the relief convoys.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian-Serb leader, meanwhile said his forces would fight the American fleet if it interfered in the conflict with Bosnian Muslims, who are fighting for independence for

**Thousands** 

stranded

by French

protests

blockaded. M Bianco said:

because they have a demand to express. Those who are against the points licence sys-

tem should go and see the result of lives destroyed by road accidents. The points

He has rejected an opposi-tion call to put off introducing

the new system, which came

into force yesterday, and open

talks with the lorry drivers. The drivers, who have parked

their juggernauts at strategic

points in every region to back

their demand for extra

points, say the confrontation

Phil Walters, managing di-

rector of the company whose

coach has been stranded

since Monday, said condi-tions on the vehicle were dete-

riorating. "These people, from South Wales, Bristol

and Manchester, have paid

for a holiday in Spain. They

don't expect to be stuck on a

motorway by French

· Lyndon Richards, the coach driver said: "Its abso-

lute hell. Many of the passen-

gers are in tears because of

the heat. The children have

had enough. Some have with-

drawn into their shells and

others just sit there weeping.

Some of the passengers are so

furious they wanted to hijack the coach and take it down a

But Mr Richards, who has

been walking five miles to shops to get food and water, added: "There is a lot of cameraderie. British lorry

drivers are using their primus

stoves to cook meals for every-

one. Everybody is sticking together. There are a lot of tears

but we are all looking after

will continue.

anarchists

dirt track.

system is a fight for life."

They have no right to block families, travellers, holiday-makers and children simply

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the mainly Muslim country. "If they come to Serbian territory or Bosnia-Herzegovine in order to disarm Serbian people or to attack Serbian people we would have no choice but to fight," he told interview yesterday.

Snipers braved, page 11

# Political sketch

# Toupees tipped to barefaced Teresa

Halfway through ques-Mr Hurd tiptoed gingerly through a minefield of a question about Maastricht. Teresa Gorman appeared at the door, and hovered. It was her first public appearance since admitting on Radio 1 that her eyebrows Hearts went out to Mrs

Gorman. It was a brave admission. One thinks of all the male MPs who wear toupees, not one of whom has come out as a baldy. Peter Mandelson (Lab, Hartlepool sports a Vic-torian stage villain's mous-nache which few believe to be genuine; Jerry Hayes (C. Harlow) is widely suspected of Afro-perming his famous blond beehive; and I know one secretary of state who was spotted queueing at Boots in Victoria Street for Grecian 2000. He bought two bottles. Wild horses would not drag from me his name. And nameless shall remain the Tory whose photograph in The Times Guide to the House of Commons showed an al-most completely bald MP. He returned after an elec-

tion with a full head of hair.
Women politicians, who are on the whole less vain than the men, are perhaps less coy about personal artifice. Barbara Castle recounts with candour the story of how, when social services secretary, she rushed at dawn to the scene of an old people's home, gutted by fire with terrible loss of life. Such was the urgency diting only to tip out she had out any on elother of bed and pull on clothes, shoes and a wig. Picking her way through the cin-ders, the end of a trailing cable hanging from a rafter caught her wig and held it,

caught her wig and held it, suspended in the air. She grabbed the wig and planted it back on her head, sideways, unfortunately.

Lady Castle's diaries record her dilemma. Should she get out her vanity mirror and arrange the wig, standing in the rubble? Or should she complete her tour and arrive at a press tour and arrive at a press conference with wig askew? She took the right decision: the second one. :: :

But-Mrs. Gorman's honesty is the greater, for no-body had threatened to "out" her over her eveen her secret to the grave, but volunteered it, to rouse but voluntee

interest in the subject of tattooing. Removing un-wanted tattoos, she told the House, costs the NHS millions. A tattoo is so easy il acquire, she said: so painful

acquire, she said: so paintul and expensive to remove. "Hear, hear," replied her colleagues. Don't they just know it! "I love Margaret" was rattoed all over the bodies of hundreds of them. From 1979-1990 it was the motto every Tory craved. Entwined with hearts moses and cherubim. hearts, roses and cherubim, her name and theirs was linked in every constituency speech, every election address, every second parliamentary question of the decade. Spin doctors at Conservative Central Office are doing their best to change "Margaret" into "Maastricht," but the re-

suit is a mess. Towards the end, "I love Michael" became the fashion among a few. Con-spicuously able Tories emblazoned the Tarzan motto across their chests. How David Hunt (banished to Wales) Emma Nicholson (locked out) and Edwina Currie (threatened with Kenneth Clarke) long to remove the unwanted

Now "I love John" is all the rage. Tattooists (who at Westminster are called Hansard reporters) are doing a roaring trade in getting that message down in indelible form, beneath a hundred names, no matter how tasteless the wording, how hurd the ink. Slow to learn, they should listen to

Mrs Gorman.

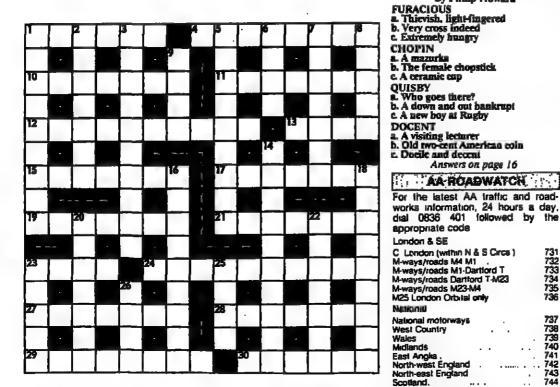
For already, down in a surgery they call the Table Office, orderlies are trying to unprick from the arms of a few hasty Tories a June tattoo called EDM 174, about Maastricht. Hartley Booth (Finchley), Lady Olga Maitland (Sutton & Cheam), David Evans (Wel-wya Hatfield) and James Hill (Southampton Test) are nursing sore shoulders

... but to what avail? The chief whip has a long mem-ory. As that great Victorian tattoolst, Edward Fitzgerald wrote ... The moving needle pricks and, having pricked, moves

Nor all the piety nor wit shall have it back to cancel half a line. Nor all thy tears wash out a

**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

# THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,960



ACROSS

1 Cut strip out of cape as sample

4 Consolation by word of mouth from the castle (8).

10 At home, being frightfully cold

11 Round the mountain girl retracts aerial (7). 12 Detective magazine (7.3).

13 Horse and trap turned over not far away (4). 15 Jaundiced boy with a tic, perhaps

17 Dish in sink is in the way (7). 19 Apes a cobbler put back on the Rock (7).
21 The best seaside boarder to

emerge? (7). 23 Telephoned and spoke (4). 24 Italian ice-cream vendor? (10). 27 He told the story of his lame paranoiac (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,959

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28 It's clear that one in the middle of a trunk call has not finished (7). 29 Honour new saint by showing

respect (8). 30 One of the metal woods, presum-

 Surrealist leader on the booze is producing dotty pictures (9).
 He doesn't believe that he is taking part (7).

Fellow countryman pulled out of the Potomac river — it's turbulent (10). A foolish sheep upset the shepherdess (9).

6 Might sound a very small 7 Operated on the sovereign by

 One may be capped, being madly keen (4). 14 His business is looking up — he

8 Reluctant student has promise

deals in futures (10). 16 The chatelain is able to admit Esther Johnson (9). 18 Building let nearly always (9).

20 Female howler has been getting 22 Tall stories about university's Latin scholar (7).

23 Money - a factor in love! (5). 25 Pepper the skin (4). 26 Vessels break up (4).

Concise Crossword, page 21 Life & Times section

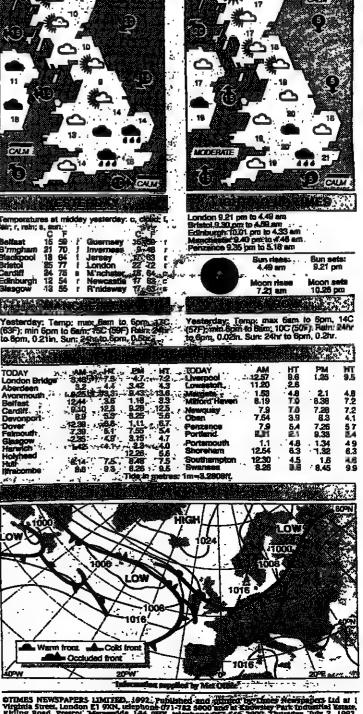
WEATHERS Many southeastern counties will start cloudy with outbreaks WORD-WATCHING of rain. By lunchtime these parts will become brighter but still with the chance of showers. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with sunny intervals at first but cloud will thicken bringing rain by midnight. Remaining areas will have variable amounts of cloud and a little light rain at times. Outlook: changeable with more rain.

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The glow of genius: Bergman's

# LIFE & TIMES

BOOKS p5 Intellectuals' running battle with mass culture



THURSDAY JULY 2 1992

# Have drawing board, will travel

British architects are suffering — out of work, plans on ice, fees cut, designs by-passed. Where can they turn? Marcus Binney considers the options

ritish architects are in the grip of a recession. According to Richard Mac-Cormack, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), "nearly a third of architects are out of work and a lot of practices

are out of business".

Even Sir Richard Rogers is not immune to the effects of financial heli-tightening. He has seen his plans frozen for a prestige head-quarters for Daiwa, the Japanese stockbrokers, on a large site north of St Paul's. "We have battled through to win planning permission only to find the project on indefinite hold." For years Rogers has complained that British developers only wanted standard concrete boxes. Daiwa was different, an amazing drum with a Crystal Palace atrium capped by stepped hanging gardens.

Nearby in the City of London, plans for an elegant lozenge-shaped

STAKUESOSS

block by Sir Nor-In the mad man Foster over Aldersgate are-also scramble suspended, as is the ambitious scheme to build by the late Sir James Stirling for replacing Wool House behind Pall during Mall. John the boom, Outram's Babylonian designs for quantity 200 Queen Victoria Street are on ice as took over well as Michael Hopkins's plans for from quality a development next to Marylebone

Even harder hit are the numerous gifted young architects who, prompted by the boom, set up on their own and now find themselves with no work at all.

Yet for all the talent that emerged in the Eighties, the bonance of planning permissions produced a staggering amount of bad, or indifferent architecture. Developers, and the City quantity surveyors who advised them, repeatedly

misculculated. First, they imagined a demand for vast trading floors which never materialised. Second, they became obsessed with providing huge floor areas in which entire companies or departments could be accommodated on one level, never mind how far they might be from a window. In the mad scramble to build, quantity took over from quality, despite the abundance of granite cladding, marble floors and brass

MacCormack believes the present government is actually control uting to the problems faced by architects todays quality is being forgotten as the Monopolies Commission and Office of Fair Trading pressure the RIBA to abandon traditional fee scales in an effort to reduce architects' charges. "You First can't reconcile the duty of care with the level of reward architects are being driven down to," says

MacCormack. There is also government pressure to reduce public funding of architectural education. "The irony is that this comes at the very moment when we have 39 schools from all over the world wanting recognition from the RIBA," he

Housing associations, long a major source of work for some practices, are now being told by their financial masters, the Housing Corporation, to go straight to the volume house builders. Just when work is needed, architects may be cut out of the process and quality reduced along the way. Yet when the Housing Corporation pressed housing associations to buy unsold speculative housing in the late Eighties, they found the quality was not satisfactory. "Architects have a key input in achieving good space standards, lay out and land-scaping," says David Levitt, one of the leaders in the field.

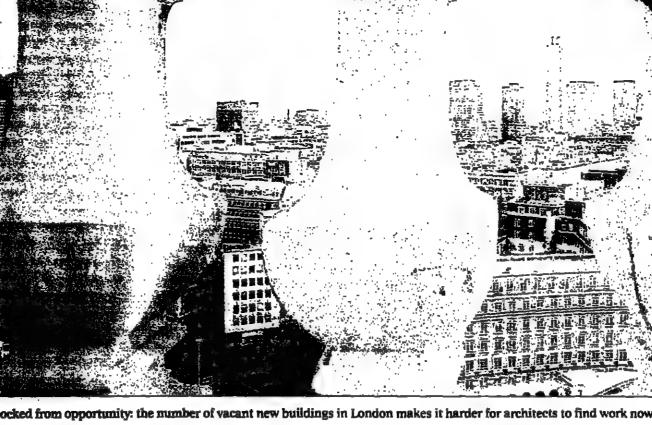
The avant-gardist Will Alsop, however, believes the recession will remove the principal villain from the architectural scene. "The one bright spot is that it will make it very difficult for spec developers to work for a long time," Alsop says.

Building for an unknown client with an assumed Mr Average taste has been a disaster. By contrast if you work for the end user, they care, you care and you end up with a much better product." But, he admits, there may be a neg-

ative side to the recession, too. "The architects, who ran up the spec horrors of Docklands are now busy setting up in Eastern Europe. These . countries desperately need advice on how to

repair and revive battered, broken down towns. What they'll get is a rash of hideous high-rise office blocks and glitzy hotels.".

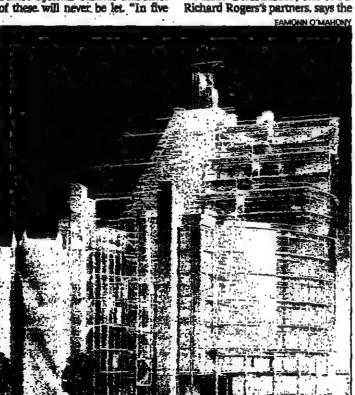
buildings in London might seem a further block to ambiters finds new work. But Jan Raplicky of Future Systems believes that most of these will never be let. "In five



Blocked from opportunity: the number of vacant new buildings in London makes it harder for architects to find work now that recession has put an end to the boom

years' time no one will want to be associated with this kind of image. Even if the rent is low, these deepplan, air-conditioned buildings are hideously expensive to run. The office of the future will be naturally ventilated, naturally lit, judged by

the energy saved in construction methods as well as running costs." Marco Goldschmied, one of Sir



Frozen: Sir Richard Rogers's planned headquarters for Daiwa

situation deteriorated in 1987 when planning controls were relaxed to allow light industrial space to be converted into offices. As a result, a glut of office space flooded the market. "No one twigged at the time because of the boom," he

John Outram is another architect who welcomes the end of boomyear attitudes. "One reason why so many bad buildings were put up in the Eighties was that time became more important than price. Whole stages of working drawings were parcelled out to contractors. Yet good design is a continual process of refinement.

The boom, he says, reduced architecture to a series of simple packages, "one for structure, mother for cladding. I like to use hollow columns with service ducts inside and colourful cladding. This became impossible." Now he is "as happy as a sandboy" doing all the working drawings himself for a dramatic transformation of Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

The best part of the British scene, Outram adds, is that we have so many talented, independent people in every branch of design. By contrast, contractors on the Conti-nent have huge in-house design departments and "the result is very

Still, it is to the Continent that many architects are looking for work. Thanks to the EC, "British architects can now be registered in France," says Ted Cullinan, who is seeking work for his practice. "The French advertise all major public jobs and once you're on the shortlist of about six, you are paid a realistic fee for the work you do."

Tchaik Chassay believes British architects should follow the example of the Geordie builders who descended on Docklands in the Eighties, camping in their vans for ten-day stints. "My whole office has been going to German classes and we're linking up with German practices, some of whom have plenty of work."

Many architects talk enthusiastically about the Far East - Thailand. Malaysia and Taiwan. But Terry Farrell, who has just won the competition for an eye-catching new visitors' centre in Hong Kong. issues a warning. "Building costs there are well below what they are in England, so you can end up designing the same building for less than half the fee."

The alternatives out of London are often grim. Robin McCaren had been working with the biggest practice in Plymouth when, five days before Christmas, he and all his colleagues were made redundant. He promptly took an Open University management course, obtained a business start-up grant (£40 a week for 28 weeks), "but now I'm £40 to £50 worse off than if I'd stayed unemployed". From major office commissions he is now down to designing kitchen extensions. "I'm either up against local government officers who are moonlighting for the work or competing with

my former colleagues."

While new commissions are few, many architects are becoming involved in urban design work. Derek Latham, whose Derby practice built up a handsome portfolio of rehabilitation work on historic buildings, now finds there is work to be had from local authorities

looking at their towns with a view to marketing themselves better.

Where will future commissions come from? Marco Goldschmied is confident that big corporate clients will spend money where there is a specific need for a new building. Sir Richard Rogers and Partners have just secured a contract from Smith Kline Beecham to look at their large prime site along the M4. He also says: "Insurance companies and pension funds will have to look seriously at the numerous empty spec offices they own and consider redesigning them. It's irresponsible to sit on large buildings they know

they cannot let." While the construction industry became dependent on imports in the 1980s, British architects have remained a net exporter. "There is a huge range of talent available from the high tech of Norman Foster and Nicholas Grimshaw to

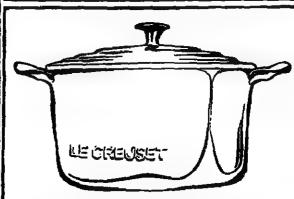
the craft work of architects like Outram and Cullinan," Gold-schmied says. "British architects combine technical expertise with the capacity for lateral thinking. It's the opposite of the 'we do it this way attitude you get in Germany

In the end, though, are there simply too many architects? "When the polytechnics get university status there will be 22 schools of architecture producing up to a thousand graduates a year. Goldschmied points out. "1t' many more than a country like Britain can hope to sustain.

### **TOMORROW**

What is London Zoo's future? Valerie Grove talks to Gerald Durrell

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# No need to hide that light under a bushel

t is that stoop sitting season again, that time of the year when we sit outside in the sun remembering the 56 Dodgers team, muttering insults at the crack dealers and eating Nathan's hot dogs. Or it would be if we lived in New York. But my neighbour Chaim is a Montreal native with Lower East Side pretensions, and he's introduced stoop sitting to my bit of Ladbroke Grove, where we try to remember what sport it was that the '92 Spurs team played, mutter insults at the dope dealers and eat Walls' hot dogs, which is as near to authentic stoopery as you can get round here. All Chaim and I have tio do now is to teach the dope disalers the protocols of sidewalk badinage: when on Saturday Chaim mildly suggested that their pack of alsatians mess on somebody else's sidewalk they came and kicked through his front door.

So there we were, the door repaired, the dealers away on the other side of town somewhere, the street humming deliquescently in the sun, sitting on Chaim's stoop and talking knowledgeably about Wimbledon and wondering if that mouthy Romanian with the black hair and the same first name as thingy, the little Scot in The Man from UNCLE., was still playing tennis, when a girl walked by

That I say girl and not woman had nothing to do with her age and everything to do with her general demeanour, the cantilevered bodice binding the very frontmost portion of her bosom, the teetering heels, the buttocks, as they passed us, rolling like some strange soft machine under the tight bandage of her tiny skirt. She wasn't a pretty girl and certainly not a beautiful one, but as she walked past us and along the road we sat in the awed silence that men adopt when they are too old, self-conscious or ideologically sound to wolf-whistle.

I wondered, aloud, whether this girl had ever got used to the fact that whenever she passed pairs of men sitting on stoops everything went quiet. Did she know why the silence fell, or did she think that all men everywhere were talking about her and stopped out of politeness when she passed "Nah," said Chaim. "You have to understand that she's never actually seen a man talk. She probably thinks they

Which was a little unfair. It was a hot day: it wasn't unreasonable that a tali, leggy blonde should cover herself in a modest couple of square centimetres of Lycra as she walked up the road to church or to give blood or to do her weekly selfless stint at the Oxfam shop, it's just PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond on taking the bite out of peccadillos



that some people are, whatever they say or do, seen as sexual animals and some not, and she was.

I remember at college there were some women who worked on a sexual rota system sleeping their way round the men's halls of residence by numbers but who were never regarded as anything but upstanding and psychologically well-balanced members of the college community, while others,

who strayed perhaps once or twice a year from an otherwise celibate existence, were marked down as the Whore of Babylon in the union bar. Which, neatly enough, is where

George Bush comes in. The word has started seeping out that while Bill Clinton may have been playing around with Gennifer, Bush may have been seeing Jennifer. I say "started seeping": in fact the word on the President has been bruited about the place for months now. but somehow nobody has seemed to notice. For that's how it is with politicians: some of them treat Washington or Westminster as some sort of high class knockingshop and get away with it while others wake up to find details of some ten-year old dalliance sprawling across the front of The National Enquirer or The Sun.

To rectify the obvious sexual injustices perpetrated on our MPs and legislators I propose a register rather like that in which members declare their business interests. The MPs Register of Sexual Interests would be open to all and would list any current or past extramarital encounters thus: "Fosdyke, Horace: Member for Fulchester South. Married, Honoria 1963, 2s, 1d. Sexual Interests: Mistress, Debbie X, pied-d-terre in Clapham, dress allowance, Sunbeam Alpine, holi-

days 1983, 1985 (twice). 1986, 1989-92. One-night stands: Elspeth W (exchange research stu-dent) 1982, Fifi La T (All-Party Margarine and Non-Dairy Spreads Committee trip to Amsterdam) 1986. Herbert L (misjudged throw of car-keys at wife-swapping

party, Croydon) 1991." Given that there is a statistic around somewhere which says that half of all married people have had an extramarital affair, and given that most non-London MPs spend the working week away from their spouses, I'd guess that the register would be a pretty weighty tome. So weighty, in fact that those papers interested in such matters would be unable to deal with it without devoting a whole issue to the subject. It would be impossible for those papers to select single MPs and slap them about with such an obviously tarry brush and so sex and politicians would simply stop,

overnight, being an issue. In fact, I'm so keen on this idea that I'm willing, in the cause of parliamentary democracy, to start the list myself. If you are an MP, a High Court judge or a senior civil servant, please write to me care of this paper with full details of any sexual activities, however minor, you have been party to. I promise to make them as public as I can.

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Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404), 8pm GURREUEDER: Young Musicians simphony Orchestra under lames with Jane Eaglen, soprano, perfor Amold Schoenberg & Expressions: based upon poem, by the Dane 1 P. Jacobson

Ensemble is Nicholas Lati

Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7 30pm. MICHAEL HAMBURGER: Born in Berlin in 1924 the distinguished poet, critic and translator who carrie to Emain as a boy, reads a selection of his poetry which ranges from sharp-edged lyrics, saures and pointcal poems to poems about place, dreams and enle Festival Hall Voice Box, South Bank, Landon SE1 (071-525 8500) 7 30nm

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA-Sir Colm Davis conducts the gridestrial cross-section of his wide-ranging repersore. On the programme is Strainties is Chief Beethoven's Strainties in Chief Beethoven's Symphony No 8 in F, and Berhoz's restriction has a Vitro run Bashmet as solore.

AS YOU LIKE IT: Catheryn Harnsot and Oliver Parker find true love in the forest; Mana Artken's first Park

production Open Air, Regent's Park, London MWT (071–486 2431) Touight-Sat, 8pm, mats tonight, Sat, 3 Supm. 180mins DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Angl

join Michael Byrne

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane. WC2 (071-856 5122) Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thuis, 3µm, Sat, 4pm, 120m/rs.

DELAYUR Jumny Parter 36 years on.
Osborne's hero rants and whinges but in a vacuum, and Peter Egan seems too good-natured to be the Angry Old Man.
Contedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071967 1045). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats
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THE DYBBUK: Julia Pascal's groundbreaking new version of the famous Yiddish drame, transposed to a ghetto Mew End, 27 New End, Hampstaad, NAV3 (071-794 0022) Tues-Sun, 7,30pm, mats Sun, 4pm, 80mms

FUENTE OVEIUNA: Revival of Decian Donnellan's thriling 1989 staging of Lopez de Vega's drama of civic solidanty. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Torught, 7 30pm, mat roday 2,30pm, 120mins

TIN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR: Irresstibly dance-worthy evocation of the joys of Sories soul music, Philip Ryun's 1987 script has been rewritten. for a Young Vic company on top form. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Set, 2.30pm. 165mms.

A JUDGEMENT IN STONE SHELL Hancock leads a powerful cast in intense musical limiter based on a flush flundell novel an directe servant kills a very nice, middle-class family Lyric Hammersmith, hing Street, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Set, 7.45pm, mat

Sal. 4om. 135mins. ☐ MAD, BAD AND DANGEROUS TO KNOW: Deret Jacob presents samteed Byron Only for fans ut Jacob: Ambassador's, West Street, WC2 , 3pm 135mms THE MADNESS

NEW RELEASES

• GLADIATOR (15) Tawdry.

predictable tale of reenaged puglists o Chicago's South Side James Marshall, Cuba Gooding In; director, Rowdy

Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

● LADYBUGS (PG): Dismail vehicle for

pop-eyed comic kudney Dangerfield, put in charge of a girl's soccer team. Director, Sidney J. Fune MGM Haymarket (071-639 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

THE PLAYER (15): Dazzling sapre on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tollrin's novel, Ten Robbins as the studio executive who I ills

a writer, plus cameos and walk-ons galare. Odeon Leicaster Square (0426 915583) Screen on the Hill (071-495 9366) UCL Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

● BASIC INSTINCT (18) San Francisco

BASK, INSTINCT (18) San Francisco
detective Michael Douglas and re-pick
murder suspect Sharan Stone ride 4
sordd psycho-ie-usl rollercoaster
Director, Paul Verhoeven
MGM Baker Street (971-935 9772)
MGM Chelsea (971-352 5096) MGM
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Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025: MGM Trocadero

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915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI

eys (071-792 3332)

EUROPA, EUROPA (15) Jewish boy saves his life by posing as an Aryan German, Decent it superficial rendition of a true wartime story from writer-

CURRENT

### TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

Condon EC2 (071-658 8891), 7-45pm.
DON PASQUIALE: Reuwal of the late lean-Pierre Ponnelle's version of Donacetti's quickline operation by Virtuoso weteran Paolo Montarsolo returns in the title role, while Rauf Gimenet: repeats his silver-toned Emesto. Autifh Howard sings Norma. Bruno Campanella conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covernt Garden, London WCZ (071-2:a) 1066/19111, 7-30pm.

GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL IAZZ
PESTIVAL: This ten-day event ticks oil
with, among others, joyful South
Adrican pianist Bheki Miseleku (tonighi,
7 30pm), Scotland's own Tommy Smith
lionight, T1pm), and subtle disminsir
Paul Motian and his tho (tomorrow,
7 30pm)—all at the Tramway,
Highlights next week include the great
pianist McCoy Tyrer supported by
drummer Elwin Jones (Glasgow Royal
Concert Half, Monday, Bjim) and The
Don Cherry Quartet (Tramway, July 10,
7.30pm). GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL 1477

April.

MAGMRITTE: Magnitie's strange world of ordnary objects cut admit from theil ordnary surroundings and illuminated with stranger-laced Zen humour is oil doplayed in this significant show of some 150 works including pantings, collages and sculptures. Playward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3002). Daily, 10am-5pm (fues, Wed to Spml), until August 2. Ticket Centre, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041-227 5511), tonight-fuly 11 BERLIN BALLET: Two years after parting company with English National Ballet, Peter Schaufuss is back in liet opened its week-long season on onday with Schaufuss's production o

# THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

OF GEORGE III: Nigel Hawthorne is very fine as the stnoken lung in Alan Bennett's intriguing, slightly puzzling National (Lyttuiton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat. 2 15pm. 170mms.

PHILADELPHIA HERE I COMET: Affectionate corredy of an Insh emigrant and his carping after ego Revival of Brian Finel's first success King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 1071-226 19161 Tues-Sal, Spm, mats Sat, Sun, 3 30pm, 120mms. ☐ POND UFE: Touching performance by a young cast in Richard Cameron's quiet drama of teenagers angling for carp and love.

Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (08)-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm SCHIPPEL THE FILLMESS C.P Taylor's warmhearted version of Sternheim's sattre on snobberv among music lovers. Merry performances Greenwich: Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat. 7.45pm, mat Sat,

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATIONS Stochard Channing recreates her role as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's line play human inter-dependence. yal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, Spm, mats. Thurs. 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mins A SUP OF THE TONGUE: A wolfen
John Malkovich in a lightweight drama
that seems to equare East-European

that seems to equate East-European dissidence with getting girds into best Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Thurs, 8pm Fn, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8.30pm 150mms ☐ THE SOUND OF MUSIC: Nuns, Nazis, squeaky-clean lots and drops of golden sun: a sweet holiday from the

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

director Agniesala Holland Barbisan (071-638 AMIL)

Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Scroon on Baker Street (071-935 27721

THE FIVE HEARTBEATS (15): Bland

THE HIVE HEART BEATS (13) BOOD but good-natured tale of a black rock 'n' roll group's American journey Robert Townsend writes, directs, and stars with Michael Winght, Tico Wells Prince Charlest (07) 437 8181).

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THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE
CRADLE (15): Psychotic nariny flebecca
De Normay) wreaks revenge on a
squeaky-dean family. Formula thriller
with robust acting. Arrighelia Soorra,
director, Curtis Harson
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Odeon Mezzanire (0426 915683) UCI
Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E M. Forster's novel about two colliding lamilies with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carser.

Director, James Ivory. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661)

IOHNNY SUEDE: Use the orban larytale about a lone mnocent (Brad Pm) in bedistland, discovering love while dreaming hopelessly of success as

al world. With Liz Robertson and real world With Lz Robertson and Christopher Cazenove. Sadlar's Wells. Rosebery Avenue, EC1 1071-278 8916). Tass-Sar, 7 30pm, mats Yuss, Thurs, Sal, 2 30pm

Gise/E followed vestertay and today by a criple oil of "Ne Dise of Spring," Maunce Beyarts 1959 staging of Straintsky's masterpuce; Christopher Bruce's terrific ballet about pobical forure, Savazsang and the Brush premere of Die Officing/The Opening, a work by the American Bill 1 Jones, which was given its first performance in Bevin earlier this year Collisieum, St Martin's Laine, London

Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, Londo WC 2 (071-836 3161), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2 30pm

as a workshop project is directed by Gregory Doran with designs by Michael Pavelka The Other Place, (0789 295623).

GRAND HOTEL: New York hit musical based on the 1930s film and Victa Baum's novel. Glitter and glamour in a doorned world. With Likane

doorned world with Livaine Montevecchi Dominion, Tothenham Court Road, London W1 (071-580 9562). Now previewing Mon-Sat, Byrn, mass Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Opens Monday,

STRATFORD-UPON-AVOR: Hom great epic, The October is retold in a new play by the award-nimming Caribbean poet and dramatist Derek Wakott. The production which began

STRAIGHT AND NARROWS CI STRANSHT AND MARROW.
Nicholac Lyndhurs, Neil Dagish and
Carmel McSharry in litrable cornedy
about a dotting mother's wornes,
notably her gay son.
Aldwydd, Aldwydd WC2 (071-835
64041 Mon-Sat, 8pm, mals Wed, 3pm,
Sat, 5pm, 130rans.

THE VIRTUOSO: Shaquelt's Restoration comedy of bad behaviour, in the home of a burntaing savera, directed with verve by Phyllida Lloyd. The PR, Barbrain Centre, Silk Street, ECz (1071-638 8891) Torught, 7 30pm.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Philip Provise's stylish RSC production, in London after a Injumphant four Callous aristocrac wronged womain; melodrama laced with Wilde's wet, Theathe Royal, Haymarker, SWI 1071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2,30pm, 165mms.

LONG NUNNERS: U Blood Brothers: Proetex (071-867 1044) U Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) Victoria Palace (071-694) 1317)
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Gamd: (071-494 5085) ... Don't
Dress for Dinner: Apollo (071-494)

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5037). 

Ne and My Girt: Adelph (07)-836 7611). 

B Les Miskrables: Palace (07)-434 0909). 

Miss Seigon: Thealte Royal, Drury Lane (07)-494 5400). 

The Moussetrap: St Marun's (07)-836 1443). 

B The Phanton of the Opera: Her Majesty 1071-494 54001. Beturn to the Porbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299). Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) The Wilming in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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**▶THE LAWNMOWER MAN** (15):

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THE LONG DAY CLOSES (12) Terence

Davies's powerful evocation of childhood's lost paradise, With Leigh McCormack and Margone Yates.

Curzon West End (07) 1-439 4805)

THE LOVER (18), Jean-Jacques
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masterly, no-nonsense portrait of the painter's last months, fine performance from singer-turned-actor Jacques Dutronc

June 1971-235 4225; Renoir (071-837 8402).

VAN GOGH (12) Maunce Palai's

monster. New technology jamboree land low by a muddled scoot. From a

a pop star Tom Druillo directs

THEATRE

# **Hall thrives on** moral ambiguity

MEET Helena, our heroine. She crams the sickly King of France with Renaissance antibiotic, and then presents him with the bill for his cure, which is the hand of a nobleman she has no reason to suppose likes her any better than his horse. When he leaves the wedding reception in dismay, she follows him disguised as a nun, and tricks her way into his bed.

There she spends one of those curious Shakespearean nights in which the man has licit sex with his wife in the belief that he is enjoying an illicit fling with a mistress. Flaunting his ring, pregnant with his child, she then reclaims him in what everybody sees as a nice, romantic ending,

Meet Bertram, her husband and our hero. Dr Johnson, aghast at his lies and evasions, summed him up well: "a. man noble without generosity and oung without truth; who marries Helen as a coward and leaves her as a profligate: when she seems dead by his unkindness, sneaks home to a second marriage, is accused by a woman whom he has wronged, defends himself by falsehood, and is dismissed to

happiness." No wonder All's Well is numbered among the "problem plays". The truth probably is that Shakespeare altered Boccaccio's original story either too much or too little. He seems to expect our sympathy for people who might pass moral muster in a fairy-tale, but look pretty shoddy when they are as realistically treated as here. And that creates difficulties for the play's directors, the latest of whom is Peter Hall, returning after a 20-year absence to the Royal Shakespeare Company, the ensemble he founded.

His solution is to perform it all briskly, fluently, coolly and without

THE play that brought the character of

Don Juan to the English stage was

appropriately graced at its first perfor-

mance by the presence of the patron of

libertines. King Charles II. Having an

unscrupulous cynic on the throne goes

some way to explain why the author,

Thomas Shadwell, treats the Don's last

moments in a way that is startlingly

different from that adopted by his

predecessors. Tirso de Molina's Don

cries. "Help! The flames!" Molière's

keeps his nerve till close to the end but

How different is the English view of

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"These things I see with wonder but no

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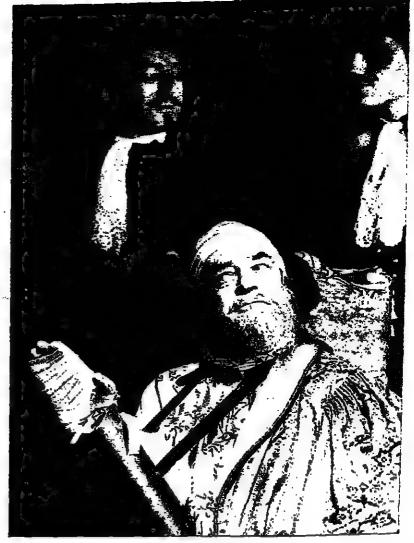
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obvious prejudice. If we regard Helena and Bertram as heroes, that is fine. If we don't, that is fine too. If we conclude that, as one lordling says, people are "of a mingled yarn, good and bad together", that is best of all. Shakespeare probably wrote All's Well after Hamlet and Troilus and Cressida, not a time when he dealt in blacks, whites, likes, hates, or anything easy.

There is too much of The Decameron left in All's Well for this argument fully to wash; but it helps to turn the play's internal strains into interesting ambiguities. No matter that Sophie Thompson is not the passionate, handsome Helena of tradition, but an intense girl who some-times seems awkward to the point of being gawky, and ingenuous to the brink of gormlessness. That is presumably how she is meant to be. It is the same with Toby Stephens's Bertram: not the usual emotional firebrand, but a supercilious, pouting cub, as lacking

in charm as maturity. Indeed. Hall invites a parallel be tween him and his army chum, the cad and liar Parolles. Michael Siberry's braggart warrior lacks coherence shouldn't he suggest an embryonic bitterness inside the fantasist if he is to evolve from Don Quixote into a raging Thersites? But his humiliation is decidedly uncomic, and seems meant to prefigure Bertram's own unmasking. Stephens may not be wearing rags weirdly plastered with straw, like Siberry: but it is an abject, shattered husband Helena takes home.

That is not a happy ending, but it is



Richard Johnson's King: voice as thick as beard, authority undimmed

striking - as is the whole production. Barbara Jefford, Bertram's mother, exudes gimlet-eyed aggression rather than the usual serenity. Anthony O'Donnell, her clown, is a daunting blend of Mr Punch and flaking skinhead. Richard Johnson's King arm in gold splint, voice as thick and

fuzzy as beard, but authority undimmed - is more conventionally excellent. Oh, and the period is Louis XIV or thereabouts, which explains the phalanx of white and maroon, lace and feathers. Altogether, a play to sec.

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### THEATRE

# Cool approach to hellfire

The Libertine

Pentameters,

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last words, "Now do thy worst," and dis-

appearing in a cloud of fire. Throughout the play he and his cronies have been

resorting to a Hobbesian defence of their murders and rapes: they are following the demands of their nature; they cannot behave otherwise. "Here I stand firm," the hero declares in his last speech, as if he were an atheist

Shadwell is not much cop as a for his Ten Trumpets Company boasts

serious dramatist. The Virtuoso, his comedy now running at The Pit, is excellent fun, brim

full of lively minor characters. But The Libertine proves to be nothing in the absence of the Don. Even when he remains on stage for some holy man to denounce his impiety, Shadwell's heart is not in such misiness

Marcus Goodwin's bold production

the one vital ingredient, a charismatic performance in the title role. Jim McKechnie is darkly handsome. smiles dangerously and has a habit of tucking his chin into his neck before speaking to innocent nincompoops.

The play is lavishly costumed; the setting is ingenious: four plain doors with peepholes for glimpses of anguished nuns, mistresses and cosmetically impaired devils. The light cues are uncertain, and a thicker sidecurtain would hide the actors on their way from the stage. But the playing is spirited, and when I next escape drowning I shall repeat with relish the words of the Don's servant (Jonny Geller): "Haddocks, I defy you."

JEREMY KINGSTON

### CONCERT

# **Smiling** in spirit

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THOUGH not wholly undeserved, Poulenc's reputation as a slight composer has been emphasised by the tendency to programme a single item of his music as a counterweight to more "serious" repertory. For the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the London Choral Society under Jane Glover to devote a whole programme to Poulenc was thus a gesture of

confidence in the composer. The programme opened with the 1920s ballet suite Les Biches, a score revelling in the youthful Poulenc's iconoclasm. Wagner and over-inflated Romanticism were out: brevity, audacity and wit were in. Stravinsky's lean, acidic idiom is never far away, but, as Glover's account brought out, there is also a subtle tension between the parodic elements and the more humane tenderness that recalls Weill.

Next came the rarely-heard

Sécheresses for chorus and orchestra, dating from 1937. The "drynesses" of the title are the bleak, dessicated landscapes of the poet Edward James. But the sterility is also emotional: the

failure to blossom, to touch, to live. This was the time of Poulenc's return to the Catholic faith; Sécheresses thus forms an interesting link between the earlier jocularity and the later, more thoughtful, religious works. Certainly Glover and her forces persuaded us, with their well-prepared performance (the chorus director was Ronald Corp) that the piece deserves to be heard more often alongside, say, the Gloria that ended the concert.

Not that humour is lacking from Poulenc's religious style: the "Laudamus te" is said to have been inspired by the sight of a group of Benedictine monks playing a particu-larly boisterous game of football. Glover captured the spirit of hilarious reverence. Lynne Dawson providing a pure, ethereal soprano sound in the more inward moments.

A full-blooded performance of the Organ Concerto, with Simon Preston as soloist, completed a programme as revelatory as it was appropriate for a warm summer evening.

BARRY MILLINGTON

DANCE

# Berlin can do better

Giselle Coliseum

THE Berlin Ballet is a strong com-pany, but I wish it could have opened its first visit to London with a production that showed its strength more dearly. Peter Schaufuss's new company arrives as part of the Coliseum's six-week summer dance season, hard on the heels of the company (English National Ballet) that fired him 30 months ago: and in the inevitable comparison it seems to me that the Berlin Ballet shows the clearer identity, a more interesting repertoire and a more cohesive style.

Enjoyment of Schaufuss's Giselle demands a taste for elaboration, expanding the traditional text with a mass of added detail (not all of it too) logical). On the credit side is Desmond Heeley's solid, if over-pretty, village setting. Schaufuss keeps its population: extremely animated, even sometimes at the cost of losing focus it seems odd

that so experienced and commanding a performer as Johnny Eliasen makes so little impact as the Prince. A more serious complaint is that of style. Where Schaufuss has rearranged

the dances - for instance the large ensemble he substitutes for the villagers' duet - he pushes the structure more to the Bournonville pattern. But the rhythm of the dancing seems to me anachronistically staccato. The arms, too, are made as sharp as the feet: ornate but stiff.

With an excellently unified corps de ballet at his disposal, this seems all the more a pity. Their ensembles in Act 11 could have been superb if allowed more flow. As it is, the dances have an air almost like painting by numbers:

very precise, but with no breath of life. Lisa Cullum makes a sweet, lively second half. However, Bart de Block's Albrecht is astonishingly wooden: you would never guess from this stiff. lifeless performance how vivid he can be in other ballets. Christine Camillo (who dances the title role at some performances) is an icily seductive Queen of the Wills; she and her cohorts

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# Bergman's light shines through

Cinema: The Best Intentions, The Inner Circle, The Rapture and the rest of this week's releases reviewed

by Geoff Brown

ngmar Bergman may have officially retired from film direction, yet his genius marches on. In The Best Intentions (Lumiere, Gate Notting Hill, 12) he provided only the script, a reconstruction of his parents' turbulent courtship and marriage. But its crisp dialogue and emotional resonance carry the film to victory. Here are the same themes that coursed through Bergman's glorious swansong. Fanny and Alexander. the intertwining of love and pain, the sense of lives moulded and warped by family and religion.
When he first saw the film.

Bergman gave Bille August, his chosen director, a rapturous hug. August (best known for the Oscar-winning Pelle the Conqueror) certainly deserves credit for giving the actors room to shine. Pernilla Ostergren August (the director's wife) is particularly impressive as Bergman's spoiled, headstrong mother, struggling to make a succe of her marriage to an impoverished divinity student (Samuel Fröler). This is true cinema acting, the emotions conveyed through glances, scowls, pursed mouths and the play of light

behind the eyes.

As a director, however, August inevitably lacks the master's own touch. He leans towards textbook correctness: regimented close-ups, sedate compositions, no fire or surprises. Possibly the curse of the small screen is at work. For The Best Intentions, three hours long, and produced by a phalanx of European broadcasters, also exists as a fourpart, six-hour television series. Photographically, it deserves the cinema's pace: the extra room lets the images bloom and the settings breathe (Anna Asp, the production designer, also worked on Fanny and Alexander). But assorted characters cry out for more footage, such as the family patriarch played by Max von Sydow, or the anti-clerical Nordenson, who casts a dark shadow over the couple's life in a far-flung parsonage. Young Ingmar himself, incidentally, never appears. By the tale's end, in July 1918, he remains inside his mother's

man's script snowd not be taken as the gospel truth. His mother's name was Karin, not, as here, Anna; other details are changed to suit the dramatist. What matters is emotional veracity; Bergman's script and August's actors forcefully convey these tortured lives see-sawing betweendarkness and light. For its script and performances, if nothing else, The

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**ARTS BRIEF** 



Impressive: Pernilla Ostergren August as Ingmar Bergman's spoiled, headstrong mother, struggling to make a success of her marriage

Best Intentions well deserves its Cannes Festival Palme d'Or.

Across now to Stalin's Soviet Union for The Inner Circle (Odeon Haymarket, 15), an intriguing film from Andrei Konchalovsky that never finally makes the grade. In theory here was the perfect project to wipe the slate clean after Hollywood tosh like Tango & Cash. Konchalovsky returned to his Russian homeland to tell the true story of Stalin's film projectionist during the 1940s, an nnocent at large among demons. Everyone did their homework, and the authorities allowed the cameras inside the Kremlin. This was going to he serious stuff.

o it remains, at least when the spotlight stays with Stalin, the gob-smacked projectionist and the sidekicks gathered in the plush screening room, where Uncle Joe views purloined Nazi newsreels and The Great Waltz. These scenes shiver with fear, drawn from life, paranoia and the terror of a dictator ann an mon whim

But there are limits to the film's success. Tom Huice (the projectionist) throws himself body and soul into his Russian accent, but the international cast plays havoc with authenticity. The skittish script, too, gives the actors a hard time.

As the projectionist's wife, Lolita Davidovich is forced to veer wildly

Sylvester (visual arts). The individual award will also be

announced on November 15.

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residency on Saturday.

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Wigmore back

between dutiful country girl and KGB trollop, while the naivety of Hulce's character gradually becomes tiresome. Elsewhere, Bob Hoskins contributes an amusing vaudeville turn as the KGB head, and Alexandre Zbruev's smiling Stalin has an eerie presence. Gripping in parts, exasperating in others: what is the Russian for curate's egg?

Perfection is also lacking in Michael Tolkin's The Rapture (MGM Tottenham Court Road, 18), though any film that begins with four-way sex and ends with the Last Trump deserves a hearty handshake for its daring. As in *The Player*, Tolkin is fascinated by California's follies and the American spiritual malaise, but in this earlier film (his directorial debut) his corrects in first different debut) his approach is far different. Expect no swirling, joke-filled canvasthis disturbing tale of a disaffected woman who becomes Born Again carries a fable's stark intensity. There has to be something more,"

Mimi Rogers's telephone operator declares. So she joins a fundamentalte with doy problet and is hured to the desert with her little girl to await God. From that point on, the film lifts off with scenes of jolting power; and Rogers's performance throughout is exemplary. Tolkin remains the sceptical ob-

server, but is careful never to belittle the fundamentalists' beliefs; while his plain directorial style, whether born

of inexperience or not, keeps emotional manipulation at bay. Too many American movies spoon-feed their audiences pap; The Rapture is food for grown-ups.

At one time, Hollywood's escapist dreams shone with wit and intelligence. Witness Casablanca (Empire, U), back in the cinemas for its 50th anniversary. The revival print does less than justice to Arthur Edeson's black-and-white photography, but the script's sardonic humour and the exotic atmosphere at Rick's Cafe Americain seem as seductive as ever.

here are flaws: there always were, and time has magnified a few. In wartime, we might approve Bogart's nobility in letting Ingrid Bergman, the light of his life, fly off through the fog with Resistance hero Paul Henreid. Now Henreid appears a cold fish. unworthy of any self-sacrifice. Even Bogart — though this may be heresy - is somewhat dull: a muttering grouch in a white tuxedo.

RAIL SO WIND SDALKS ILY SLORING GUR triangle. Dooley Wilson tinkles the ivories. Sydney Greenstreet parades his fez; best of all, Claude Rains steals every scene as the elegantly unscrupulous Prefect of Police. Howard Koch, one of the writers, once complained about the script's implausibilities. "Don't worry what's logical," the director Michael Curtiz shouted, "I make it go so fast no-one notices." So

Logic takes the back seat again in The Butcher's Wife (MGM Trocadero, 12), Demi Moore is a clairvoyant child of nature from North Carolina. Convinced she has met her Adonis, she marries a vacationing butcher and returns with him to Greenwich Village, spreading chaos through the sanitised neighbourhood. Jeff Daniels, Mary Steenburgen and other good souls skilfully navigate the whimsy, though the dollops of artifice ultimately induce severe toothache. At the helm is Terry Hughes, a British television

director now at large in the States. When a movie begins with a definition from the Chillicoathe Enevelopaedia of Arcane Knowledge. you know your patience is going to be laxed. So it proves with Sleepwalkers (Odeon West End. 18). Inept direction by Mick Garris plays a part, but the burden of guilt chiefly rests with Stephen King's absurd script.

Sleepwalkers are reptilian creanures in human form who drink the life force of virgins; they can change shape, become invisible, and are terrified of cats. A good fright proves impossible when the monsters are so confused. The forlorn cast includes Brian Krause as the reptile in hunk's clothing. Mädchen Amick as the nubile heroine, and a posse of pussies who would not hurt a mouse.

TELEVISION REVIEW

# Saved by a pair of class acts

Cubin's The Countess Alice (BBC 2 last night) have been like without Wendy Hiller and Zoe Wanamaker! The plot was poorly constructed, the dialogue flat. Yet the play lived and, at times, even shone. Call it necromancy, call it alchemy, call it creative witchcraft, call it God knows what: it was a classic demonstration of the power of expert acting to resuscitate and transform.

Seldom can a piece have opened more misleadingly. A beaming Hitler made an appearance behind the credits, as did Oswald Mosley and assoned bright young things of the 1930s. Then came stills from a charity pageant per-formed by some society beauies, among them the young Englishwoman who was to become the Countess Holzendorf and survive into the 1990s. A reference to the Alitfords suggested that the play's subject was to be the Nazi sympathiser and aristocratic fellow-traveller 50 years after the war.

Not a bit of it. Cubin relied on that familiar figure, the prying journalist with the unscrupulous habits: but the story he turned up was a much more personal one. Wendy Hiller's Alice had married a Prussian count an army officer she "loved with a passion I found frightening". He had been killed by the advancing Russians. His widow and her daughter. Wanamaker's Connie, had then returned to London and the life of genteel poverty they still shared.

Duncan Bell's slick journo took up plenty of screen time, but contributed nothing im-

hat would Allan portant to the plot. Alice's contemporaries were seen at a funeral, one of them remarking in fired old joke, surely that it seemed scarcely worth leaving the graveyard at all: but they, too, played no significant part in the story. What really mattered was Connie's return to the family estate in the former East Germany and her discovery of her own tombstone. Alice von Holzendorf was not her true mother. or so she unwillingly revealed to her daughter towards the end of the last reel.

The Prussian trip took too long arriving, and the row and reconciliation that followed it could have been more searchingly treated. Yet both held the attention as nothing else in Moira Armstrong's production. Dame Wendy may be nearly 80, but her concentration is undimmed. Certainly, few actresses of any age can express emotion with such quiet intelligence and unatfected dignity. Yet it was just as much Wanamaker's evening.

Is there a more underused actress in the British theatre? Perhaps that sad-clown face of hers - its mouth instinctively fixed in a son of damaged smile — discourages directors from easting her in the major parts she has surely carned the right to play. If so, we should all be protesting, for her ability defly to suggest vulnerability. loss and grief are without compare. This role did not hugely stretch her, but there were still moments when she might almost have been Eve just after the exit from Eden: hurt, bewildered, betrayed.

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

### YORK EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

# Italy reclaims its renaissance glories

ntil recently the revival of medieval and renaissance music has been driven largely by English speaking musicians. France and italy, where most of the best music was composed. have been slow in producing teriormers of stature, but this is changing.

There are now several superb French exponents of the early chanson literature: and Italy has begun to follow suit. Ten days ago I was lucky enough to hear in Florence the ensemble Sine Nomine, who are well set to change our view of the glorious Trecento songs. And it is easy to predict as much for the madrigal singing of Fosco Corti, who presented two concerts at this year's shortened York Early Music Festival. One obvious virtue is their heightened awareness of the precise musical weight of

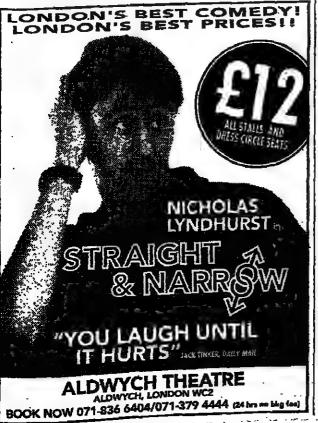
every word - a matter of prime importance for the madrigals of Marenzio and Monteverdi in their second concert. But they also have a

wonderful ensemble and balance. A splendidly expressive approach to tempo was matched by velvely chording. Most impressive was the way they could modify colour. particularly in those short, quicksilver madrigals of Monteverdi, brought out with stunmust go to the lower voices. particularly the tenor Roberto Spremulli and the magically clean bass of Sergio Foresti. When an ensemble is led from below in this way, colours can emerge as never before. Despite her reticent stage presence, the attector, kosau dell'Acqua, has a madrigal

group of powerful quality. After which the concert by the New London Consort was a disappointment - partly because of the music chosen. The early 16th-century Italian frottola repertory needs programming with care: much of it is very thin and simple: and the pieces can seem over-long. But instead of fleshing out the programme with more substantial music of the same date, they added a set of dances from almost half a century later - fascinating pieces, but in this context just accentuating the lack of purely musical nutrition.

It was presented with skill and verve, as we expect from Philip Pickett's concerts. Catherine Bott often sang stunningly: Pavlo Beznosiuk led a fine string ensemble with his imaginative playing: and Tom Finucane did add musical substance in some early lute pieces, beguillingly played. But the formula was wrong.

DAVID FALLOWS



# **Dream and nightmare meet**

Heather Neill talks to Robert Lepage and

Michael Levine about A Midsummer

Night's Dream at the National

room door at the National Thearre reads "All aboard the SS Mudlark". Inside, begrimed actors, deep in A Midsummer Night's Dream, splash through a black lake, its contents the consistency of single cream. Sally Dexter speaks Titania's lines to Bottom while hanging upside down by her feet from a bed frame. Is this design gone mad? What happened to the midsummer idyll? Could this be an elaborate homage to Peter Brook, whose 1970 production of The Dream used circus imagery, acrobatics and spinning plates?

The designer in question is Michael Levine. He has been working closely with the direc-tor Robert Lepage on a new production of The Dream since September. To begin with, ideas for the set were elaborate, full of the technical wizardry audiences associate with Lepage from productions such as The Dragon's Trilogy. Tectonic Plates and his most recent, one-man show at the Cottesloe, Needles and Opium\_

Lepage is French Canadian and, in his mid-thirties, director of the French Theatre in the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. Levine, also Canadian, has spent ten years in Britain and has designed opera and theatre in Europe and Canada, including Tectonic Plates in 1990. They find being outsiders an advantage, since they are not burdened with the cultural baggage that can attach to Shakespeare in England. Their method of working is fluid and open to suggestion - which is how the mud bath came about.

Late last year, with The Dream in mind, Lepage held a week-long open workshop in the National's studio on the theme of forests. The elaborate plans were immediately jettisoned. Levine: "What the actors were doing was more interesting than my designs. When things so wrong in woods and forests there is usually water involved. Rain. Discomfort." A nightmare, then? "There is something of that." The participating actors



Being outsiders is an advantage: Lepage and Levine

kept returning to the watery theme in their own contributions and, at the end of the week, everyone was astonished to find that the text of The Dream is full of references to flood and tempest.

But let nobody imagine that the muddy lake has a purely naturalistic purpose, or that The Dream is an unmitigated Nightmare. "We have balanced nightmare and nice dreams," says Lepage. "The summer fantasy is fine, but there are deeper, darker areas. The darkness is the darkness of adolescent sexuality. It is the most wonderful and, at the same time, the most scary moment of your life." The ghosts of Freud and Jung stalk Lepage's magic world. "The forest represents a slippery

environment; full of traps. The

play is full of mirrors, doubling, coupling, seeing images and reflections

Designer and director relish the combination of the physical with the intellectual. The mud is, for Levine, "a purely sensual idea". But it is also a metaphor: the characters, getting dirtier by the minute, become embroiled in the complications of the plot and, literally, wallow in experience.

For Lepage, the play is a pattern of many people's dreams. "It is a play within a play within a play, a dream within a dream within a dream. When a character wakes up under the influence of the magic potion, that is another dream stage."

Lepage and Levine are both struck by the notion of hierarchies in the play: the court, the

most, but not quite, making the two worlds meet. Lepage likes his productions to continue to develop and change, to be influenced by audiences. He listens to comments and responds to reactions so that emphases after. sometimes over many years. If we are not careful, we make something like a bad rock video, with beautiful images fixed, so that you can no longer hear the music without seeing them," he says. "A person does not go to a restaurant to have his food earen for him. That is why I am a theatre lover, not making

films or expensive West End

musicals where the ideas be-

come congealed. And that is

why Shakespeare is my favour-

ite - because the suggestions

Bottom meets top persons, as it

were. Lepage acknowledges the influence of Jan Kon's

Bottom's Translation: "It is

not chance that Bottom is

called Bottom. High instincts

meet low, day meets night in

the play. High and low are

manifested in the human body

- the brain above, the genitals

below." One element of the

design is a silver thread al-

are endless." Levine, 100, listens to actors, adapting costumes to fit in with the requirements of their There is a hint of classical Greece in the designs but also of the East. "We looked at people still wearing drapery. This provides a direct line to the present." For him, the court represents a denial of sexuality, while the fairies

embrace it. Director and designer are both braced for the Brook comparison. Levine: "It was a different time. He is a legend. It is inevitable that people will compare this production with his - or just with an idea of that production. And that is a risk: you can never live up to an idea. Lepage adds, not for the first time: "It's a nice compliment, but difficult to live up to. Everybody learned

 A Midsummer Night's Dream is in preview from tomorrow at the Olivier Theatre (071-928 2251)



# Harbouring antique dreams



A million visitors are expected at "Brest 92", a festival of old-fashioned and historic

sailing vessels, Rob van Mesdag reports

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sailing boats so named because of their old-fashioned rigs - will be setting off from Falmouth to race to Brest, in Brittany, for the world's largest and most spectacular rally in the world of historic sailing, rowing and motor boats and everything connected therewith, from boat building to boat racing, from tying knots to singing shanties. In preserving their maritime heritage the French now leave the rest of the world in their wake.

A team of 20 executives is coordinating the work of hundreds of

helpers preparing to ac-commodate, in the city's historic Penfold docks, a fleet of 2,500 antique sailing vessels from all over the world and a wooden boat show with 400 exhibitors. 80 of whom are British. There will be displays of replica ships still under construction, five

stages from which 2,500 musicians will give 300 concerts, races and sailhandling demonstrations in Brest harbour and scores of quayside restaurants where vast quantities of grilled fish will be washed down with gallons of Muscadet

On July 15 those still capable will race to Douarnenez, 30 miles further south, where until the 18th the new inland harbour of historic boats belonging to the Musée du Bateau, a former sardine factory, will be inau-gurated. The "Brest 92" festival will attract about a million visitors.

Twenty years ago France had no "old gaffers" to speak of The occasional student or impecunious vachtsman might have acquired and patched up an old fishing boat such as a "misainier" with just one lug sail (misaine, mizzen) or "sardinier" (sardine fisherman) carrying two. But around 1970 the "old gaffers" case was strengthened by Bateaux des côtes de France, a book by François Beaudoin, and some years later appeared the three-volume work AR VAG, describing the history, design and construction of every fishing and around the coast of Brittany. Both became bibles to ship preservation-

But it was not until 1981 that a new magazine called Chasse-Marée began raising awareness of France's maritime heritage on a major scale.

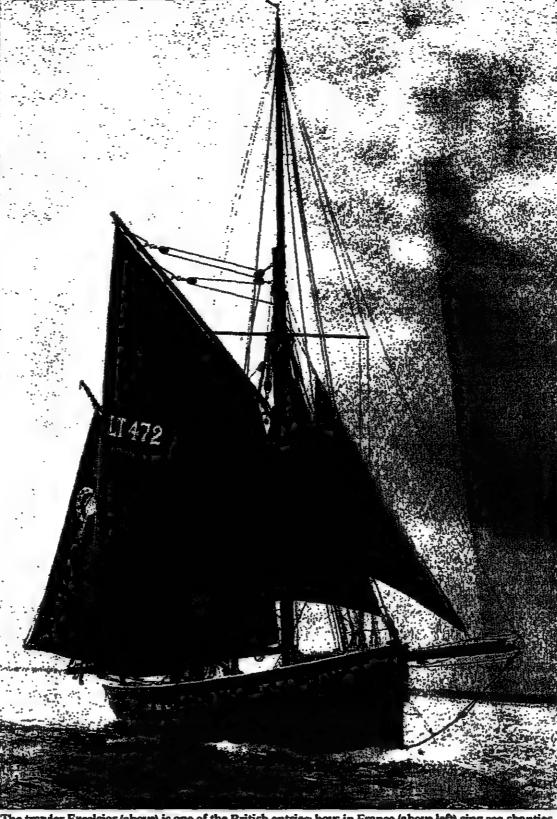
Through articles on subjects as varied as the history of individual types of fishing craft, the songs women sang while cleaning fish, the transport of timber from France's woods to shipyards on the coast, or catching sea gulls on board trawlers off Newfoundland, its founder editors Bernard and Michele Cadoret struck a sensitive chord. Gradually associations were organised to save rotting wrecks, France's Ministry of Culture became involved financially, and boatyards began thinking "wood" again. The magazine took its name from the faster boats in a fishing fleet, which, loaded with fish taken on

board from colleagues far out at sea, would "chase" the "maree" - the tide in order to reach the market as fast as possible. Now, only ten years later, the Cadorets have a staff of 30 dealing with such concomitant activities as book, music, poster and

video publishing, boat festival organisation, and a consultancy on anything to do with maritime heritage. They are esteemed throughout the antique boating world and their example has inspired other comparable publications such as, in this country, Classic Boat. The Boatman and The Yachtsman.

When the magazine organised a campaign, "Bateaux des Côtes de France", invoking every coastal town or village to restore or build a replica of its once profuse, now extinct local craft, 130 local groups from all along France's coastline took up the challenge, and 80 of the resulting vessels will be present at the festival. For instance there will be Le Renard, a 60-foot privateer from St Malo, recalling that city's predominance in North American waters against our country in the early 1800s. And there will be fishing craft from well-known places such as Quimper. La Rocheile, Camarat. Nantes. Fécamp. Marsellles. One of the highlights at "Brest 92" will be the launch of the magnificent 95-foot fighting schooner "La Recouvrance" built by the people of Brest after the original ship

of that name dating from 1817. Chasse Marée have appointed Charles Payton as their representative in this country. Apart from the Falmouth fleet soon under way, and the 80 exhibitors at the show, some 700 other British boats will be making their way across. In addition



The trawler Excelsior (above) is one of the British entries; boys in France (above left) sing sea shanties

to carrying on with his profession he is a probate genealogist - Mr Payton has had to contact every heritage organisation in this country. The owner of a Thames launch polished like a mahogany dining table" - he had little difficulty in persuading his own Thames Vintage Boat Club. But encouraging others proved difficult because of the

Fortunately, Brittany Ferries came to the rescue in the shape of "substantially reduced fares". As a result, the British will be numerous at Brest. Entries include The Thames Whenry Trust, organisers of The Great River Race (on the Thames this

autumn), the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships, the Thames Traditional Boat Society, the Thames Barge Sailing Club, the Historic Dockyard Chatham, the Yachting World Day Boat Association and trawlers such as Providence and Excelsion and Thames barges such as Ironside. Cabby and Lady Daphne. The latter will be carrying Robin Knox-John-ston. Even HM Customs will be

Of course, other countries will have equally impressive participation. The Dutch are arriving in a huge coaster with some of their country's characteristic shallow-bottomed "boeiers" on board. From Scandinavia will

come Viking ships and the Americans hope to sail over two real J class racing yachts.

To help get "Brest 92" under way there will be a buffet for every yachtsman, crew member, exhibitor or helper. This will be on July 10 from 6pm. Twelve thousand people

● "Brest 92": (010 33 98 00 92 92). The festival coincides with July 14, France's National Day, when roads and hoests are crowded. Car drivers can get buses from designated car parks, while rail passengers can walk from the station. Hotels are booked up but B&B's are available. d'Initiative (010 33 98 44 24 96).

# Could you live in it?



spelt the same in French as it is in English and it means the same, too: not much. The Concise Oxford offers "that can be inhabited", which is of limited comfort, although hitting an estate agent over the head with the dictionary may have some therapeutic value.

My experience of agents operating in France has been that when they say habitable they generally mean it. Sometimes they mean you can live in it, but they would not. There are those who use the word as a counterpoint to the phrase maison à renovée. They seem to feel that if a house does not need restoration, they should call it habitable.

So beware of travelling to France to look at houses described as habitable. Before you go, ring the agent and ask some questions. Does it have mains electricity? How old is the roof? (Asking if the roof leaks can be like asking a car dealer how often his cars break down.) Is there mains drainage and, if not, is the soakaway working? Do all the rooms have concrete floors? What exactly does the agent mean by kitchen with hot and cold

Some of these questions may seem odd to British people, but in the UK market we are generally buying first homes that have been sur-

veyed regularly over the years.
In Brittany or the Lot et Garonne you be may looking at houses that have been in the same family for 200 years. They may well have been built with walls of mud and straw mine in the southern Dordogne was - and although this method has remarkable longevity, walls that have not been rendered can look pretty horrendous as well as disarmingly attractive. There may be more to worry about when you poke about with a screwdriver. The question of water supplies and sanitation is perhaps the most vexed because it can

involve considerable expense. Many rural houses get their water from undergound wells. This does not mean you have to go out with a bucket to do the washing-up. Fortunately, the wells feed into pipes in the plies from a well can seem terribly quaint However, several years of drought, there as here, have meant that wells are a risky source. Assume that you will need to get connected

to the mains. Remember, too, that the little old French lady from

whom you are buying lived alone. You are proposing. several times a year and perhaps permanently if you are retiring to France, to put the demands of a family accustomed to advanced sanitation on the soakaway or septic ank. Is the tank big enough? If the house is low lying, is water leaching into the tank, which means you will be paying FFr500 to have it pumped out all too often.

That is a chie to why French law is often not much help on the question of habitability That little old lady found the house perfectly habitable, with its well water, small septic tank and single sink in the kitchen. No doubt its ancient light switches suited her, using one or two rooms at a time. A family, however, should have the introduction of washing machines and other other devices suggests you may need

a ring main.
If all this sounds depressing, there is a brighter side. Even a badly leaking roof may be much less of a problem than it would be in Britain. In many parts of the south and west the



French use overlapping tiles that are not fixed. The Perigord roof is the best example. Often a few leaks just mean the slates have slipped and/or they are covered in moss, which retains water and forces it downwards. Looking at the roof through a pair of binocu-lars, for example, will give a rough guide, but remember it is the underneath tiles that are the most important. A day's work on the roof could make it valeroroof.

Connecting to mains water is not expensive but make sure there is a main in the village. Renewing all the electricity cables can be expensive, but we needed only new power points and a couple of cables. With electricity the most important thing to do is to get an electrician to check that the supply will meet your needs.

So a definition of habitable? Make sure it means whateve you need it to mean. But be realistic the price attraction of rural France means it should not be approached using the standards that apply in the Surrey commuter belt.

PETER BARNARD Next week: the cost of renovation

Their goal was Aix-les-Bains, where Lady Diana was

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Idyllic setting: the beautiful Chaufourg in Périgord

# Charm with an artistic eye

verlooking the river Isle, Le Chaufourg is a delightful 17th-century family house surrounded by gardens, meadows and grounds running down to the private water's edge. The own-er, Georges Dambier — a former fashion photographer for Chanel — and his wife Chantal, are happy to share with their guests the joys of life in the Perigord, their secret fishing spots, the pleasure of forest walks and the delights of southwest France such as regional cuisine, châteaux, famous vineyards and prehistoric

One has only to look at this house to see that it has been designed with the eye of a photographer. From the bedroom windows, framed by magnolia trees, there is a superb view over the swimming pool to the river below. The gardens were designed by

Provençal landscape architect. The guest rooms are furnished with antiques and works by arrist friends of M Dambier. The hosts will accompany guests to play golf, or for riding nearby. They can offer dinner if asked in advance and guests may find M Dambier telling the tale of his ancestor Guillaume who was forced to flee to Spain in the reign of Louis XV for killing a lord who tried to stop him from hunting. For Pierre-Etienne Vincent,

who dreamed up the idea of Genulhommières de France the now has 42 houses for guests to choose from. Le Chaufourg in Périgord is the jewel in the crown. Above all he looks for style, hospitality and a certain ambience that cannot be found even in the best hotels. At Le Chaufourg en Perigord, situated between the Dordogne and the Lot

# FIRST

**IMPRESSIONS** f the French first im-

pressions I solicited (and received, in floods, thank you) the oldest are the most startling. In the 1920s and 1930s, before the car-ferries and the package tours, upper-class Britons seem to have used France with lordly confidence as a sort of culture-bearing annexe and finishing school. Long after the Grand Tour tradition had died down, France was somehow considered vaguely necessary to the production of a rounded gentleman or lady. 'My father', records one letter, "thought it essential we should speak French with the governess there for a month each year, but confined himself to very loud English shouting."

Not everyone accompanied their children. Pat Walker, who was nine in 1924, had been left in "a baby farm" in Britain by her Anglo-Indian parents, but was summarily removed because her mother. on a visit of inspection, objected to her Gloucestershire accent. France was clearly a better cultural bet, so in the care of two maiden ladies who spoke no French she was sent to lodge with a Normandy war widow and warned to keep a candle burning all night because "Rats ate the toes of Simone's little sister". Also from India, but under

rather closer parental care, was the painter Sir John Verney in 1921. He was nine. went to look at the trenches, which made a great impact. My mother, who was



Shout if you're English

Trouble with the au pair: John Julius Cooper

which she brought back on the train to Paris The Siamese ambassador, my father's friend, came to meet us and was horrified. That thing could go off, he said, and hurled it off a bridge into the Seine". His other impressions, from later holidays, are of "a place you go to draw", and of a 1944 journey with the SAS to pick up an escaping British officer from a Britiany beach. This chap had been in by parachuse and done a bit of stuff. Actually, he was a ternible nuisance, couldn't keep his voice down. There were Germans about and he kept velling at his batman." Clearly, there is something about France which causes Englishmen to shout.

panache, I turned to John Julius Norwich, son of Lady Diana Cooper, whose childhood was spent in what his daughter once enviously called The Pullman generation — the time between the wars when travel was both fast and

Lord Norwich spent his seventh buthday in France, although he had been learning Fables de la Fontaine since he was four. "My mam-ma decided to have me to herself for a bit. to Nanny's spitting firy. I think it was the first moment she saw her power wanting. I was terribly excited. On the ship you hired an alcove with a curtain across it. I remember on the train to Paris next day, my mother pointing out that the French

doing the cure. They rested in the Berkeley hotel, where the boy "gazed out at the Eiffel Tower, which had sort of neon lightning going up and down it in those days, and thought I'm in Paris, I'm in Paris!', then took the wagons-lits south from the Gare de Lyon. Here, more shouting occurred: There was this huge, florid and furious Englishman on the platform tearing a strip off the unfortunate little conductor. I can still hear the words echoing down the platform now: 'Non non non! Je paie Cooks, Cooks paie vous! In Aix the little boy played under the chestnut trees and swam in the Lac du Bourget. Nanny turned out to be quite right about foreign food being unsuitable for little boys. "I didn't go much on all those nasty mixed up sauces." Also about the perils of foreigners. His days were spent with "An extremely unbalanced French extremely unlocations of resident pair girl, with enormous muscles. She tried to devirginise me on the plage but I wasn't having any of it." This was in 1936. In 1944 his father became ambassador to Paris. At fifteen, he lived in the British Embassy house.

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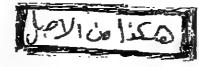
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honey-gold in its quiet courtyard and gardens, which Nan-cy Milford called "a haven of light . . , a palace." "It was the coldest winter for 50 years," remembers Lord Norwich now. "And nobody had any fuel or heating in Paris except us. So every single night 50 or 60 people came for a cocktail party, just to keep warm and get a drink. Those

people were the leading artistic and political lights of Paris, I suppose. Jean Cocteau was there every single night. But boys aren't impressed by all that I never thought much about it at the time."

LIBBY PURVES



Is man "crooked timber", as Kant thought? Three Times critics ponder the nemesis of rationalism

# A guillotine for the aristocrats of the intellect

or most of this century, the English have dismissed "intellectuals" as irrelevant bores, foreigners or worse. Now John Carey brings that attack up to date with an account of the antagonism between certain intellectuals and "mass culture", an often malevolent battle, depicted here as a literary foreshadowing of the Third Reich. In this spirit the Holocaust is to be seen "as the ultimate indictment of the idea of the mass and its acceptance by 20th-century intellectuals".

It is in many respects a cogeni and persuasive analysis. Carey notes how the rise of the popular newspaper, with its own particular "stories", provided a palatable alternative to the stuffier fiction of the early 20th century (in this book intellectuals, writers and artists tend to be herded together in the pen of high culture). He documents, also, the interest of certain 20th-century intellectuals in eugenics and the extermination of the masses as an apt preface to the deliberate exchisivity of modernist literature.

Yet the "mass" against which these purblind artists reacted was: always an illusion; it was an invention, a metaphor that could berevised to fit the most appropriate set of anxieties, from the pseudoscientific investigations of Mass Observation, which treated the working class as particularly interesting bacteria, to Freud's atavistic

notion of the "primal horde". Carey is always good with detail. and here he advances the claims of tinned food and the camera as specimens of the "mass" activity goes on to investigate the role of the suburb and its typical inhabitum, the clerk, as a larger index of intellectual disgust. The suburban sprawl was seen as the end of England, and in the triumph of cheap housing was located some destitution of the sourit.

This was a particular problem for left-wing middle-class intellectuals, whose loyalties were fatally divided, but it posed less of a challenge to conservative intellectuals. In opposition to the values of suburban man, they hoisted the pennant of

imperatives of sentimental humanism. Carey goes on to associate that aristocratic spirit with the fetid Catholicism of Greene or Waugh. It is one of many incisive touches. So Carey makes a persuasive case

against these writers, largely on the ground that they actually invented the "mass" which they professed to despise. The only problem is that with this criterion he seems to be damning most of the important writers of the past hundred years, among them Yeats, Hardy, Woolf, D.H. Lawrence, Forster, Waugh, Joyce, Ibsen. Eliot and Huxley. Only Arthur Conan Doyle and Arnold Bennett emerge relatively unscathed. And of course these are all literary artists. It would have

THE INTELLECTUALS AND THE MASSES Pride and Prejudice among the Literary Intelligentsia 1880-1939

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been interesting to see Carey enlarge his argument to take in, for example, painters like those associated with the Euston Road School or the Camden Town Group, who were certainly just as "intellectual" as the novelists of their periods.

There is also the danger of fore-shortened perspective. The disdain of artists for the "mass" is not a recent development, however hard Carey presses the point about a new "mass culture". He quotes Lawrence and Huxley, but he might just as well have employed Spenser's taunt against "Th' amazed vulgar" or Milton's animus towards "the people but a herd confused / A miscellaneous rabble..." The truth is that most writers have always despised the "herd", and Carey could have mounted a similar attack upon Cartyle and Johnson, Sidney and Pope.

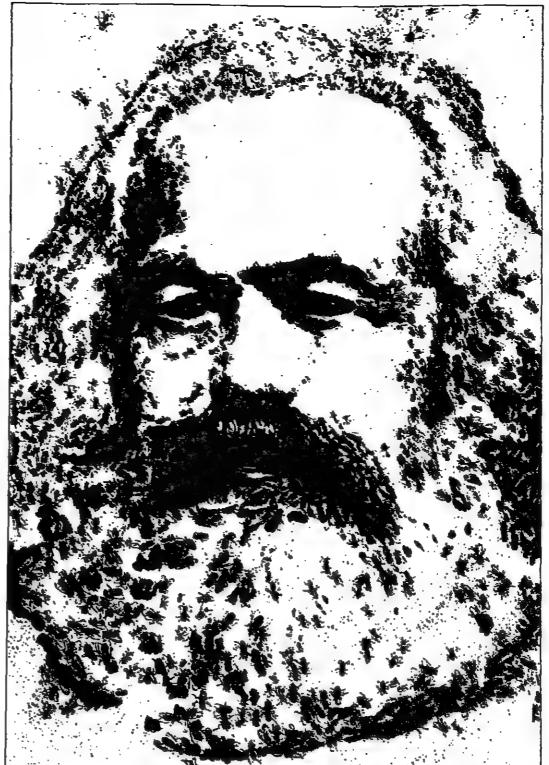
In the second part of this volume he concentrates upon more recent writers. He plots the divided mind of H.G. Wells, sympathising withthe weak even as he inched to dained "grey" logic as much as the . Gissing and scorns Wyndham Lewis, while adding an intriguing postscript on the literary career of Adolf Hitler, who emerges as an orthodox European intellectual. (It is a little unfair to suggest that all supporters of "high" culture are therefore crypto-fascists.)

But then, in the best chapter of this section, he recommends Arnold Bennett both for his imaginative interest in the "intricacy and fecundity of each human life" and for his ability to see the extraordinary within the apparently mundane; his novels are a great plea for the ordinary rhythms of life, for the poor, the failures, the housewives and of course the clerks. In that sense they represent Carey's alternative to the intellectual world of the same period, except that they are no alternative at all. Arnold Bennett is Arnold Bennett, and no other writer could have been expected to imitate him.

And so what, precisely, is Carey suggesting? He cannot be saying that somehow Woolf or Hardy would have been better writers if they had freed themselves from their prejudices, since it may have been their prejudices which made them writers in the first place.

He seems to believe that the intellectuals would have been wiser or nobler if they had embraced "mass culture", but at no point does he list the constituents of that culture. He mentions Jerome K. Jerome. Tit-Bits and the Daily Mail, as well as tinned salmon, but interesting though these phenomena may be, they do not constitute a serious challenge to the literature of the period. He may only be suggesting that the elements of popular culture are of equal value, or that "value" cannot be determined - in which case he is occupying the same ground as much modern academic theorising. Or his may be the simple nostalgie de la boue of an English critic who has an empiricist's disdain for theorising itself.

It is enjoyable to see him using the T.S. Eliot Memorial Lectures to demonstrate that Eliot was an inhuman prig, and there are many insights along the way, but in other respects The Intellectuals and the Masses remains inconclusive.



MMEIOT CBOIO (FATA) "Great Ideas Also Have Their Pates", 1990, a Russian poster by Tatyana Nyemkova, from Art as Activist: Revolutionary Posters from Central and Eastern Europe (Thames & Hudson, £15.95 pbk)

JOHN CAREY has certainly combed together a powerful dossier here. It leaves us, as he intends, with a picture of these writers as a huddled little group of hightened narcissists, nursing their meagre and self-regarding gifts, and not worth the time or the trouble of PETER ACKROYD ordinary, decent men and women.

But Carey, though a professor of English literature, has left something out: their writings. He seems to have forgotten that when T.S.

he himself commuted by walking across London Bridge, and was writing about the waste land in his own soul. He seems to have forgotten that Virginia Woolf lived in lear of the featurelessness and shapelessness in herself, far more than undone so many out to those people through beauti-

fully lucid essays in a book actually called The Common Reader.

Carey has left something else out too: the "masses" themselves. Or rather, he has kept the masses in his book, in the same anonymous, lumped-together form that he accuses his writers of seeing them. and has left out the individuals who make up the mass. He does not see that the writers, and those individuals, have a common heritage and common concerns. Of course, the writers were vulnerable and fearful at times, and created bogies for themselves, as we all do. But some of them wrote in new allusive and symbolic forms in order to stretch

the range of language.

Carey gives no evidence at all to back up his charge that these forms were deliberately chosen as a sort of barbed wire for the writers to surround their perceptions with. And he ignores the passionate portrayal of lost love and defiant courage in Hardy. Lawrence's feeling for the way deep emotion can grow between people without words. Eliot's search for sacred significance in the commonplace to give but a handful of examples. Has Carey forgotten that he once

wrote an admiring book on John Donne, whose metaphors were as complex as any poet's have ever been, and who wrote only for his friends? In those days, Carey did not find that this disqualified a writer from having something to say to mankind.

When he has ditched most of modern literature, what has the professor got left from the 20th century for the "masses" to read? Not much: he does not credit them with much capacity to get out of their little lives and let their imaginations expand. There is the poet Stevie Smith, because she appreciated suburban life: there is even a bit of Betjeman, for the same reason, though Carey regards him as mostly unsound. There are bits of Arnold Bennett and rather fewer bits of Wells.

Carey keeps a small squib for his last chapter: he finds that Hitler in Mein Kampf spoke about the importance of "high culture" in much the same way as Bloomsbury and many other modern writers have done. This is a brilliant smear but it forgets that the truth or otherwise of an idea does not depend on who holds it.

In the end, Carey is left all alone. At a time when literature is under attack in the universities from the deconstructionists, he has here abandoned most of it too. But the 'masses", in whose name he delivers this condemnation of literature, also seem very remote from him. He has a low, rather sentimental vision of them, but nothing to offer them. He had better lie down in his sad no man's land and curl up without a good book.

DERWENT MAY

# Stifled voices of reason

To maner how we wish to define reason, no one disputes that it is an instrument with which mankind succeeded in creating modern science and developing the technical skills on which our civilisation has been built. But is it no more than that? If so, it is certainly a successful tool; but how can it, in addition, make claims to discover truth? Should we deapplicability of our know-ledge? And does it matter whether our knowledge is true apart from being applicable? Many philosophers throughout history have believed that it does. Truth was supposed to be a value in itself.

Or is reason perhaps an in-strument that particular civilisations define, each according to its specific needs and customs? If so, it might happen that what is true in one civilisation is false in another, and then it seems no truth in the sense we normally attach to this word can be saved. What is true, we tend to believe, is true irrespective of time, of a particular culture, of an ethnic tongue. But are there means to ascertain that truth in this sense is accessible at all? Is our knowledge culture-bound? These are time-honoured philosophical questions, and Gellner's book is a rapid survey of various attempts by philosophers and social thinkers to answer them.

Gellner starts with René Descartes, who believed in reason as opposed to tradition, custom, history and authority. and who asserted that this access to truth has been given to us by the Creator, who cannot be a deceiver. Then Gellner goes on to David Hume. While replacing Descartes' "conceptualism" (as Gellner wrongly calls it; this word has usually been reserved for other purposes) by a strictly empiricist doctrine. Hume believed himself to have found an ultimate, and universally human, source of knowledge that is good enough for practical use, even though its results beyond the content of perception are never certain.

Immanuel Kant, according to Geliner, tried to find a cure for Hume's scepticism by in-sisting that we cannot think differently than we do, because certain mechanisms of thought are irremovably built



Ernest Geliner: the rationalist "with a siege mentality"

into our minds and they produce the orderly world. This is a psychological reading of Kant, characteristic of some 19th-century Kantians but largely abandoned since, as it ignores the crucial difference between what is universally human and what is transcendental in the Kantian sense.

From Kant, Gellner jumps Emile Durkheim and his idea of a mental compulsion. that is social in origin and is

instilled into our mind by means of religious rituals; this produces the well-ordered universe. Properepistemological questions are beyond Durkheim's interest. as is also the case with the next topic, Max We-

ber. He. in a different way, tried to explain how rationalism was born almost accidentally from a specific religious background.

Hegel, Gellner says, made a bold attempt to reconcile the rational with the natural in his theory of the great impersonal mind that imposes its power, step by step, through a histori-cal process which will eventu-ally culminate in the final victory of reason. Marxism is a modified version of the same utopian fantasy. Geliner men-tions several theorists who again denounced the claims of reason as a hoax, including Nietzsche and Freud.

Geliner himself adopts what he calls rationalism with a siege mentality". It abandons the belief in a benevolent cosmos promising us a happy ending to our history, it as-sumes instead that the universe is hostile and gives no

guarantee for truth or happi-ness. This is a strange confession: I see no reason why this attitude should be a variety of rationalism. To see the world as an energy was characteristic of various guestic trends in European culture, having nothing to do with rationalism in any recognizable sense.

In the last part of his book Gellner lists a number of con-temporary theories which undermine our trust in the power

and authority of reason. The list includes Karl **REASON AND** Popper (it is pos-sible to eliminate CULTURE. The Historic some of the rival Role of explanations of Rationality and the existing body Rationalism of experience, By Eynest Gellner but not to estab-Blackwell, £35 or £10.95 pbk lish any of the remaining ones as definitively

true): Thomas Kuhn (science at any stage of its development lives on presuppositions that have no higher authority); late Wittgenstein (the validity of knowledge is to be always related to a "language game"); and Noam Chomsky (thinking is subject to rules that are inborn. usually unconscious, and their "rationality" cannot be a matter of discussion, as there is no tribunal of appeal).

And Gellner repeats the old question: how could we prove, without circular argument, that reason itself is reasonable? There is no good answer to this question, but we may go on using our reason without ultimate guarantee and we have enough proofs that it works successfi The book is elegantly writ-

ten, lucid, instructive and easy

to read. But the reader may

have doubts about the selec-

tion of topics and of philoso-phers under scrutiny. Probably the greatest and the most - Leibniz - is not even mentioned. Neither is Husserl, whose enormous work was almost entirely devoted to the task of saving reason from history, culture and nature. Nor is the greatest, most penetrating critic of analytical reason in our century. Henri Bergson. Absent too are Wilhelm Dilthey and Martin Heidegger — both relevant.

We can easily guess reasons for those omissions. Only those deserve mention who have been included in the curriculum of British universities. Descartes and Max Weber managed to make their way, at least in part, onto the British curriculum, Husserl and Bergson did not; Leibniz, the most persistent themes in European intellectual history reason versus religion — is barely touched upon (even Pascal is mentioned only on a secondary question, not to speak of medieval thinkers).

It may seem futile to complain that a book written in Britain is very British, rather than "continental". The point, however, is not which names were or were not mentioned but rather what crucial questions have been left out as a result. Is there any ultimate justification of logic and mathematics that has seemed to be universally valid, irrespective of "culture"? How can a cultural relativist avoid the notorious self-reference trap? (Is relativism as relative as transcendentalism, and if so, how valid can it be?) Does the distinction between what is historically universal and what is valid for "any rational being" make sense? If Reason's claims to ultimate validity are discarded, are we compelled to accept the pragmatic concept of truth and abandon the idea of truth in the traditional sense?

Without asking such questions we can never come to a conclusion in discussing the topic announced in the title of Gellner's book. But they are admittedly rather "continental", alas. Even the European Community's bureaucrats will probably be incapable of implanting them on British soil.

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# Slow-down policy planned for fast breeders

The reactors that were thought to represent the future of nuclear power may be phased out. Nigel Hawkes looks at the arguments for keeping the plants in operation

he fast breeder reactor is beginning to look like an endangered species. Last week a confidential study leaked to a French newspaper suggested that the world's only commercial fast breeder, at Creys-Malville, near Lyons, ought to be shut down for safety reasons. Since it opened in 1986, it has operated for only 174 days as a result of sodium

The Germans have abandoned their fast breeder, while Britain's Dounreay Fast Reactor in Caithness is scheduled for closure in 1994. An offer last year by the chairmen of Britain's four nuclear companies - Nuclear Electric, Scottish Nuclear, British Nuclear Fuels and AEA Technology - to keep Dounteay going for another three years has yet to be answered by the government.

The decline of the fast breeder, which for 30 years was thought to represent nuclear power's long-term future, is the starkest evidence of the crisis of confidence the industry faces. John Collier, the chairman of Nuclear Electric, believes the policy of phasing out fast breeders is mistaken. Not only do they still represent the best long-term prospect for nuclear generation, he says, but they can also be useful in the medium term for burning the plutonium that will be liberated from nuclear warheads as the cold war winds down.

Fast breeders - so-called because they use fast neutrons and breed more nuclear fuel than they consume - make much better use of the world's uranium supply. A typical reactor of the present generation, such as the pressurised water reactor being built at Sizewell in Suffolk, uses less than 1 per cent of the natural uranium. The rest is non-fissile uranium-238, which can be used as fuel only if it is first converted into plutonium. This task, the industry has always assumed, would be done in fast breeder reactors, whose cores would be surrounded by a "blanket" of uranium-238, converted by the bombardment of neutrons into usable photonium. In this way, 50 times more energy could be extracted from the same amount

Fast breeders are difficult to design, requiring liquid sodium to keep their tiny cores cool. Sodium leaks from the cooling system have proved the Achilles heel of Superphérix, preventing it from operating for more than short periods since it was completed in 1986, at a cost of \$5 billion (£2.63 billion). The first leak was sprung within less than a year. With some difficulty it was repaired, but in July 1990 a second leak closed the plant again. The repair of this leak is now nearly complete, and a government committee is examining safety issues before clearing the reactor to begin operation again.

This programme appears to have been thrown into disarray by the leaking in the daily newspaper Libération of a memo from Michel Laverie, the head of the security directorate for nuclear. installations, to the industry and environment ministers. M Laverie is reported to have concluded that Superphénix has "weaknesses and



Too leaky to handle? France's fast breeder is recommended by a safety chief for closure

uncertainties that do not permit proposing to make it operational again". The memo said it would be impossible to operate the reactor "in conformity with strict safety rules" and that any operations should be limited to two years. The directorate's spokesman confirmed that the memo was genuine but said it was confidential.

At the very least, M Laverie's opinion will make a decision to reopen the reactor controversial. Greenpeace, the environmental group, demanded that M Laverie's report be made public and denounced what it said were pressures to bend

safety rules for Superphénix. The French government had hoped to get around environmental objections by portraying Superphenix as an environment-friendly incinerator of unwanted weapons-grade plutonium and other long-lived nuclear isotopes. In May, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the industry minister, one of those to whom M Laverie's report was addressed, had given conditional backing to the plan.

The idea is to increase the proportion of plutonium in the fuel burned in Superphenix, and remove the breeding blanket, so that the reactor

produces no more. Later, the blanket would be replaced by canisters containing long-lived nuclear isotopes such as neptunium, which would be converted into shorter-lived wastes. The government hopes this process would ease environmental anxieties about the safe disposal of

Some scientists see the idea as a gimmick to solve a non-problem. Similar experiments were tried in Britain in the 1970s and dismissed on economic and safety grounds. In any case, there seems little point in designing an expensive reactor to breed fuel and then removing its breeding capability.

Mr Collier suggests that fast breeders might better be used to consume plutonium, of which there will be a glut as weapons are dismantled. Already 40 tons of plutonium are stored at Sellafield, which we cannot burn in conventional reactors," he says. "If I could burn it at Sizewell, it would be enough to last for 100 years. Fast breeders are the only way. It is the ultimate swords-into-ploughshares argument."

The plan depends, however, on fast breeders being around to do the job, which seems less and less likely. Mr Collier is still hoping that the muclear chairmen's offer to take over Dounreay will keep the reactor alive for three years after 1994, an extension made possible by the donation of fast reactor fuel from the Germans, who several years ago decided against completing their own

One advantage of the offer, he says, is that it will delay having to spend money decommissioning Dounreay. Dounreay has a capacity of 250 megawatts and, unlike Superphenix, has been reliable, so keeping it open would also provide electricity, although not at an economic price compared with local hydro stations.

Scientists now fear that the blue devices that kill insects could throw fragments into food and allergenic particles into the air

# I say, there's a zapped bug in my soup

lectronic fly killers, com-monly known as bug busters or bug zappers, may be causing more ill health than the creatures they are intended to remove. Scientists studying the devices, which lure insects inside with ultra-violet light and electrocute them on a charged metal grid, claim they explode flies and moths so that fragments of dismembered insects scatter on to

The machines are becoming increasingly popular in restaurants and places where food is prepared or processed, so jokes about flies in soup may have to be refined.

Some scientists are worried less about the fragments of insect than about what is claimed to be a sharp rise in microscopic insect particles of 0.3 to 10 micrometers also generated by the devices. Other research indicates these are potent allergens capable of triggering respiratory problems.

Dr Alberto Broce, an insect scientist at Kansas State University. who has been studying the machines, says: "i am an entomologist. I do not think the leg of a fly or moth in a salad is going to kill you. Heck, that is protein, and there are many people all over the world that

"But my research has looked at the tiny particles that are known to be allergenic. They can remain in the air for up to three days."

Dr Broce has also carried out xray analysis of the particles. This indicated that many were contaminated with traces of zinc, iron, aluminium and other metals. "We suspect that some particles contain metals that have come from the electronic grids. I will leave it to somebody else to decide what this means, healthwise," Dr Broce says. Unlike the UK authorities, the US Food and Drug Administration has implemented laws regulating the use and siting of such machines in sensitive, food-related areas.

Electrocutors must be sited up to 5ft away from such areas. An alternative machine made by S.C. Johnson is exempt from these rules, the company claims.

This machine attracts and collects dead flies and moths in the same way. However, instead of electrocuting them, it generates a pulsed radio wave, which, the company claims, scrambles a fly or moth's nervous system, causing the sticky paper.

Research carried out at the manufacturer's laboratories in Racine. Wisconsin, indicates that rival machines produce 10 to 500 times more particles than Johnson's.

The company daims that its machine generates no more insect particles than would naturally produced by insects flying in a room or around a light bulb.

The research is to be published in the International Journal of Environmental Health Research later

Dr Michael Jackson, the head of



Beating the bug: above, one manufacturer's comment on bow bits of insects can end up in food from a fly-zapper shown, below, in action

the environmental health division at Strathclyde University in Glasgow, and one of the editors, says he and his fellow scientists realised that they may have been seen to be promoting the Johnson product.

He says, however, that, in common with any scientific journal, the company's paper had been refereed by independent researchers before

being approved for publication. Johnson's claims have angered British makers and suppliers of conventional electrocutors, who argue that the company's evidence is riddled with commercial bias. They deny that the Johnson machine is exempt from US Food and Drug Adminstration rules.

Peter Baternan, of Rentokil, in

East Grinstead, West Sussex, says: "In 25 years' experience as a leading provider of electronic fly killers, we have never encountered any evidence of fly disintegration such that they contaminate the environment. On the contrary, they tend to become stuck to the bars of the grid. The devices stun rather

than explode the flies." Martin Pill, of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers in London says he is aware that concerns have been raised over the devices. "What we need is some independent research," he says. Dr Jackson says he intends to

carry out such research soon. NICK NUTTALL



# **Shades of monotony**

68-year-old American has A five clogged arrenes out the five clogged arreries but he gery. At almost any clinic in the world his prognosis would be grim. He could expect to live the rest of his life with the debilitating pain and fatigue resulting from his heart's constant struggle to maintain blood circulation.

But under the supervision of Professor John Hui of the Health Sciences Center at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook, this patient is back at work and almost free of symptoms.

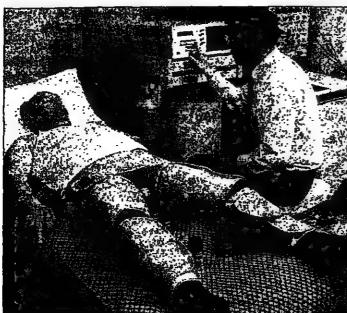
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therapy pioneered by medical researchers at SUNY.

If its early promise is confirmed. this treatment will offer a new lease of life to thousands of victims of chronic heart disease - especially those for whom age or poor health means that major surgery is too dangerous. The first clinical trials of EEC have proved such a success that the technique is being her-



Under pressure: the non-operative technique for heart disease

alded as a revolutionary breakthrough in cardiology. Over a period of two years. 18

patients with chronic chest pain were treated with EEC at SUNY. All 18 had either failed to benefit from conventional treatment or were unable to risk it, yet two-thirds lost their chest pain completely and the other third enjoyed some im-provement in their condition.

With EEC, inflatable belts are strapped around the patient's caives, thighs and buttocks for one hour each day over a period of seven weeks. While the patient rests on a specially constructed bed, which houses the air pumps, the belts inflate and relax rhythmically in step with the patient's heartbeat The effect is to squeeze blood painlessly from the patient's legs and hips into his chest between

heart contractions. Blood pressure sensors show what a dramatic improvement in circulation is possible. Without EEC treatment, a typical patient's trace reveals a high systolic pressure followed by a negligible diastolic pressure. This demonstrates that the heart is having to pump hard to arteries and that the return flow, as the heart dilates, is restricted.

During EEC treatment, however. systolic blood pressure is reduced and diastolic pressure. helped by the applied counterpulsation, is significantly increased demonstrating easier circulation.

A crude version of EEC was developed by US doctors 30 years ago, but was abandoned in favour of more technologically advanced treatment methods. The current work began at SUNY in 1986. After the initial success, larger trials

MICK HURRELL

ntensive farming has decimated western Europe's tradition-

L al hay meadows. Ninety five per cent have been lost since the second world war, and the survival of the remaining wild flower species depends on banning all fertilisers from their soil. That is the conclusion of a six-

year-long study of the effects of fertiliser on the countryside by Jerry Tallowin, of the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research. at Okehampton. Devon. "Our aim was to discover whether there is a safe low-level fertiliser than can enhance agricultural pro-

duction without harming wild flowers," he said. "But our 20 hectare test site on Tadham Moor near Glastonbury has revealed that there is no such level. Even small amounts of fertiliser, such as 25kg of nitrogen per hectare, result in the

In 1986, when the project began. the moor on the Somerset levels was rich in wild flowers. Mr Tallowin counted 71 species, including the purply-pink meadow thistle, blue scabious, yellow hawkbit and pink ragged robin.

These flowers continue to flourish on that part of the site uncontaminated by fertiliser. But elsewhere, the picture is very different. Twenty species have been lost on the hectare given between 100kg and 200kg of nitrogen, the amount of fertiliser generally used

by farmers.

In addition to reducing the number of species present, the fertiliser has led to a decrease in wild flower productivity. The moor's fertiliser-free plots accom-modate 35 species that flower continually every year.

But those hectares artificially enriched with three chemicals nitrogen, potassium and phosphate Hay meadows

cannot survive fertiliser use, at any level, a study shows

have only 29 flowering plants.
"The fertilisers have totally transformed the landscape," Mr
Tallowin said. "In the past, wild flowers used to cover 30 per cent of the moor, with grass accounting for only 20 per cent. But in fertilised

areas, that pattern is reversed.
"The moor is losing its kaleidoscope of colour and is becoming a monotonous shade of green, particularly as one grass species, Yorkshire log, is spreading over 60 per cent of the fertilised land area."

Stemming the green tide re-quires more action than just a fertiliser ban. Wild flowers have to be reintroduced to traditional habitats, and the land must be properly managed to ensure its colonisation

by these plants rather than by weeds such as docks and thistle.

But most important of all, conservation must be an economically viable option for farmers. Fertilised land can yield about 11 tons of hay per hectare per year and can be made even more competitive by releasing beef cattle to graze on the fertiliser-rich stubble after the hay is cut. Each animal can increase its weight by more than a kilogram a

day in this way. In contrast, only about £150 worth of hay can be harvested per hectare from wild flower meadows. And unless the land is in a designated environmentally sensitive area, where compensation of up to £350 is forthcoming for species protection, landowners find that they cannot afford to conserve

Mr. Tallowin is convinced that until the situation changes, the future looks bleak for Britain's remaining hay meadows.

**IOLA SMITH** 



The Hay Wain: two centuries on, hay meadows are relatively rare.

UPDATE

# Modified plants

A BRITISH company has announced a method for producing animal vaccines in plants. The Agricultural Genetics Company, based in Cambridge Science Park, developed the technique in con-junction with Professor Jack Johnson. of Purdue University, Indiana, and Dr George Lomonossoff, of the John Innes Institute, Norwich. Using genetic engineering tech-niques, the scientists have been able to modify the cowpea mosaic virus so that it contains the parts of

cowpea plants and harvested from the plants after just 14 days. The first vaccine to be produced is one against foot and mouth disease. A single cowpea leaf, the company estimates, would be sufficient to produce enough hybrid virus for 200 doses of vaccine.

animal viruses that are recognised by the immune system. These

hybrid viruses can be grown in

### Ozono figures

THE Japanese Environment Agency has reported that the depletion of the Earth's ozone layer over the South Pole was the largest ever last year. Tetsushi Sato, of the agency, said the report was based on data obtained from scientists at Antarctic observation bases of Ispan, Britain, New Zealand and the United States. The report said the ozone hole over the South Pole an area with subnormal amounts of ozone — was estimated at 6.76 million square miles at its largest last year, an increase by a factor of 13 in the past decade.

### Spy talks

FRANCE, Spain and Italy have opened talks on launching a sec-ond spy satellite to join the Helios reconnaissance satellite they will launch in 1994, the Paris newspaper Le Monde has reported.

### Wine culture

RESEARCHERS in Denmark believe that they have discovered a way to control malolactic fermentation in wine, the process that makes the difference between a palatable wine and a good one. Working with colleagues in France, Italy and Portugal, they have produced strains of factic acid bacteria that can be injected directly into wine.

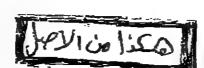
At present many wine-makers simply cross their fingers and hope that natural populations of the bacteria will grow in sufficient numbers to complete the process naturally. There are commercial cultures available but they are meffective and time-consuming. The European itam, working on an EC-funded programme, hopes it will have perfected the strains by March next year.

### Open door

A DOOR that links St John's and Trinity Colleges in Cambridge will be opened tomorrow for the first time since the second world war. It is part of a joint celebration to mark the inauguration of the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences. Guests will go from a reception at St John's through the door to dine at Trinity. The two colleges have collaborated in founding the institute, which aims to bring together scientists and mathematicians from all over the world to collaborate on current problems in mathematics.

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# Make a holiday an adventure

f you are trying to plan a family holiday to cater for everyone's tastes, a summer break is seldom easy. Once children get past the bucket and spade stage they hardly relish having their parents around to cramp their style, while the parents may be wary of letting their offspring roam free.

For many the answer lies in adventure holidays combining a range of activities with plenty of fresh air and exercise. But even for the seriously unfit, adventure holidays need hold no fear.

The British Activity Holiday Association (BAHA) has noticed a gradual increase in the number of companies running adventure courses and, despite the recession, its membership has grown to 70. since it was founded in 1986.

"I think there is a reaction against just lying on the beach," the BAHA secretary, Les Sharp, says. "If you spend your life in an office there is a great appeal in doing something different, something that is a complete contrast."

When the DeVille family from Caversham, Berkshire, planned their last holiday, they were looking for something different. "This year was my 50th birthday." Mrs More families are

taking on the

outdoor challenge,

says Alix Ramsay DeVille said. "I decided I wanted to

try all the things I had never done."

The DeVilles, who have two teenage children with their own ideas about what they wanted to do, decided against staying at an activities centre. Instead they enlist-ed the help of Acom Activities, in

Acom offers more than 130 sports and activities, from abseiling to windsurfing by way of carriage driving, parachuting and trail rid-ing. All the activities and accommodation are based around the Hereford area. The company has been operating for only two and a half years but already has dealt with

"The idea is to stretch yourself and widen your interests," Charles Cordle, the managing director, explains. "Our clients are mainly professional people who want to drop everything and do something different for a while. I see my skill

as marketing. We deal with 600 small businesses offering sports, training and accommodation and we tailor-make the trip."

The DeVilles spent £1,134 for a seven-day stay trying out motor cross, quad biking, microlighting, hang gliding, abseiling and pony trekking. "This gave us more freedom where we could go off and do our own thing." Mrs DeVille says. There were times when the children would be doing something which gave my husband and I some time to ourselves and there were gaps in the holiday where we could all be together."

Most holiday companies offer a wide range of events but some will specialise and offer training to qualification standard in some sports. The Lakeside YMCA runs the usual family holiday package through the summer, but for the rest of the year its business comes from courses approved by such organisations as the British Canoe Union, the British Orienteering Association and the Royal Yachting

Being a part of the YMCA. Lakeside is geared towards young During the last eight years the centre has spent £1 million on development and now stands on a people. "Most people come for a family holiday," Mr Pilbeam says. 400-acre site, including a half-mile stretch of Windemere, and has 300 "For single parent families or

dormitories.

beds in double and single rooms or families where only one parent can get away with the children it works "Most people are surprised that particularly well. The children are we have so many facilities on site," says Bob Pilbeam, the marketing always fully supervised which gives

the parents more freedom." Lakeside also offers Swallows and Amazons weeks for ten to 14year-olds costing £138 which allows the children to follow their own Arthur Ransome adventure without the hindrance of parents.

However, if the thought of flinging yourself off a cliff on an abseiling course fills you with horror, the BAHA may be able to put your mind at rest. For any company to become a part of the

BAHA both the activities and the accommodation have to pass stringent safety tests.

The BAHA has standards and guidelines laid down by experts in each sport and the prospective member faces an initial inspection and re-examination every 12 months. As well as checks on safety equipment and instructor-pupil ratios, the BAHA also demands a statement of each company's finan-

cial stability. Having fulfilled her birthday ambition, would Mrs DeVille do it all again? "Most certainly," she "the microlighting was the most wonderful experience and I would definitely do that again. In fact my husband and I have been thinking about going back for a long weekend and leaving the children at home this time.

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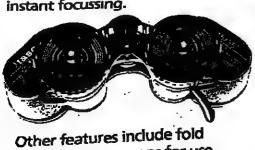
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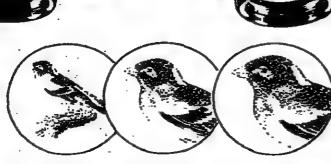


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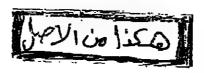
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finished products are produced to The refinery operates on a continuous basis with up to 80 staff



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# Riding luck to the top

Some people always seem to be in the right place at the right time, Jean-Louis Barsoux reports

hen asked what is the key to getting on in their agers frequently invoke luck as a significant factor. This answer has the merit of striking a universal chord. It is not just an excuse offered up by those bypassed, a way of rationalising their frustrated ambition. Even the occupants of boardrooms will occasionally con-cede to having been "in the right place at the right time".

However, the problem with luck as an explanation is that it is too vague to be of practical use to managers. Luck becomes a basket for all that we do not understand about the managerial advancement process. If pressed, successful managers are able to reflect upon and retrace the intervention of luck, and their reaction to it, with more precision.

Consider the testimony of Chris Haires, director of Legal & General: "I was lucky at one stage to come into a planning area which was going through a good phase. I was involved in a lot of interesting projects which led to my being offered and accepting a senior post in Australia between 1980-83. And it was luck that the offer came at a time which was convenient for the family. But you also have to be prepared to

say yes."
This is a fairly typical response. Luck is seen as something that happens to all of us from time to time, and some are simply better at recognising it and acting upon it. Not everyone has the same capacity for thinking through the likely consequences of a particular opportunity - and not everyone has the boldness to

take the gamble and act. Those who "make it" may indeed have a greater feel for luck and how to harness it. But the emphasis is invariably on



reacting to luck, after the event, once it chooses to manifest itself. What about taking a proactive approach? Are there not ways of increasing one's exposure to good fortune?
That successful managers

might have ways of thinking and behaving which leave them more susceptible to luck. was hinted at by Roy Aspinall. the Allied Breweries distribution director. "For individuals and companies alike, it's not about being in the right place at the right time," he said. "It's actually about being in the right place all the time."

Managers can bring luck upon themselves in many ways. From a behavioural point of view, they can work on their networks: they can build bridges with different cliques. inside and outside the company, as well as maintaining contact with former colleagues or bosses; they can hitch themselves to a powerful sponsor, someone who may be in a position to earmark slots for them — anything which helps them keep in touch with relevant career threats and

opportunities. Another behavjournal trait which underpins success is attention to detail. It pays for managers to do their mework when attending high-profile events such as meetings or presentations. Repeated mistakes in shop window situations can wipe out years of hard work in the back-

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room. Such lapses are too easily attributed to bad luck, when in fact they can be put down to poor preparation or

Peter Webber, the managing director of Andrews Sykes Group, explains: "Getting on in any organisation has a lot to do with not getting it wrong

Knowing "when it matters" ers are able to ad lib, to change requires discrimination. Mancourse quickly and to act decisively when opportunities agers must assess which jobs or activities are important arise - and they know when it is time to let go, if things are ones in which they can make a not working out. As Patrick unique contribution. It is about knowing yourself and Crotty, project director on the your limitations, and about Waterloo International Proappreciating what is imporject, says: "Everyone takes wrong options. The trick is to tant to those judging. Quite subtle mental processrealise it early enough and to es may therefore lie behind accept that you'll have to

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backtrack. There is no glory in

And it also transpires that many of the career twists blithely attributed to luck are, in fact, just camouflaged judgment - and it can therefore be improved. The challenge is to try to clarify what is really attributable to chance.

The author is a research fellow at Templeton College, Oxford

### LIFE AFTER REDUNDANCY

# When peers give help and advice

ben Mark King, an advertising ex-ecutive, was called into his boss's office one day. he knew that redundancies were in the air. "Instinctively, I knew it was not the right time to ask for a rise. Any doubt that I was mistaken was soon dispelled by the glimpse of a green form, with the initials P45 placed next to a cheque... my colleagues filed in to pass on their condolences. I felt sorry for them. It must have been like going to a funeral and paying your respects to someone who was sitting up

in the coffin." When someone loses a job, the continued contact with, and support of former colleagues is very reassuring. Colleagues know the score: they can offer specialised information, useful contacts and a valuable link with the work world that has been temporarily left behind.

Some professions, such as advertising, traditionally look after redundant col leagues very well. The National Benevolent Society has always been needed in the cut-throat advertising world. but recently it has switched most of its career resources into helping the jobless. It now runs a comprehensive job dub service, with counselling, office and reference facilities, information on vacancies and a helpline which has taken more than 6,000 calls since 1989.

As the recession drags on, more professions are trying to help redundant members. It helps if there is already a good advisory or welfare infrastructure, such as the chartered accountants' free counselling and appointments service, Chartac. Chartac has recently turned its job counsellors into redundancy counsellors, and now puts much of its £100,000 annual funding into practical schemes such as job clubs and seminars.

Chartac's director. John Sear, says it now focuses on teaching networking and

to newly qualified people.

Advertising and accountancy are particularly well catered for, but what of the majority of professions which lack a flourishing welfare infrastructure? Solic itors are another group who face an unfamiliar insecuri-

ty, but the law does not

happen to have a great tradition of offering help to its struggling members.
The redundant solicitors' helpline, run voluntarily by the Young Solicitors' Group, was established in 1989. Collette Corwin, the organiser, says the group also helps barristers and legal executives. "Until now, making people redundant isn't some thing solicitors have had to

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do, and sometimes they han-

dle it badly," Ms Corwin says. "We're also constantly trying to explain to firms that they can help both them-selves and their staff by being more flexible. Some conver ancers, for instance, could easily retrain as litigators. and they'd offer the great advantage of knowing the firm's routine."

For most professions lacking a well-funded concern for welfare, the best way of helping former colleagues may be the kind of shortterm initiative pioneered by the publishing industry.

Last May, editor Jane Hill became jobless. She suffered the predictable anxieties: what would become of "her books and "her" authors? "My whole publishing career was built on the assumption that I was a member of a rather special industry, one of the elect.

The book trade had once prided itself on being pretty personal, but then it was taken over by the big battal-ions with considerable loss on the human scale," says David Whitaker, whose family firm publishes The Bookseller. Mr Whitaker and his associates had watched with dismay as redundancies increased from a trickle to a flood. When more than 300 members of the publishing trade lost their jobs in just one black formight in 1991, they decided to act.

Mr Whitaker wrote an article in the magazine asking if members of the book trade could offer help to redundant colleagues. The panies and individuals contacted him with offers of money, time or premises, the Book Trade Benevolent Society offered funding, and lawyers and accountants offered to make their expertise

freely available. A series of articles in The Bookseller covered the topic of redundancy thoroughly, including Ms Hill's personal story, detailed pieces on outplacement consultancy, career and financial planning, a "good firing guide" for employers and a detailed look at employees legal rights. Employers circulated information about careerplanning seminars to people whom they had made redundant, the jobs register was printed and circulated, and Publishing News offered free advertising space to job seekers or people relaunching as

freclancers. The longer the recession. the less business can afford long-term commitments to benevolent societies and helplines, but one-off voluntary initiatives such as the book trade's seem an increasingly good way of offering appropriate help. As Mr Whitaker says: "It's in everyone's interest to see that their colleagues are decently treated in difficult times."

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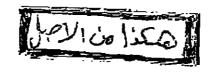
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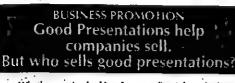
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# Injunction against receiver

Ronenberg and Others v Monjack and Another Before Judge Roger Cooke

Judgment June 251 Where a receiver appointed by a debenture holder had paid the debenture holder in full and all the remained before the termination of the receivership was payment of his own remuneration, but the company disputed the figure claimed by the receiver for his remuneration, the company could obtain an interlocutory injunction to restrain the receiver from selling any further property pending the determination of the question of the disputed remuneration which would reveal whether there was any need to realise any further

Judge Roger Cooke, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division so held in a reserved judgment granting an interlocutory injunction on a motion by Moshe Rottenberg. Chaye Esther Rottenberg, Britknit (International) Ltd and Lounova (1982) Lid seeking relief against Philip Monjack and Stephen Daniel Swaden, the receivers of the company plaintiffs.

Mr Peter Castle for the plaintiff companies: Mr Jonathan Arkush for the receivers.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs sought summary determination of an enquiry as to what the receivers of the company plaintiff could properly charge for their remuneration and costs and for an injunction to prevent the receivers realising any further properties under their control pending that

The company plaintiffs were wholly owned subsidiaries of AKLIM, a charitable company dedicated to Onthodox Jewish charities. The individual plaintiffs were husband and wife and directors of the company plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs borrowed substantial sums from First National Commercial Bank plc and a series of securities were created to secure the plaintifis' indebtedness.

The plaintiffs were unable to keep up with their payments and bank appointed the defendants, partners in a well known insolvency firm, as administrative receivers of the companies.

The receivers proceeded with the receivership and had managed to repay the bank in full.

In fact in doing so they had done themselves a disservice because the terms of their appointment under the debenture entitled them to be paid first. Now they only had to quantify what was properly due to them, pay themselves and bring the receivership to an end.

It was there that the conflict grose. The plaintiff said that the sums which the receivers ought properly to pay themselves were

less than those which they wished to charge and could be met out of the net liquid assets now in the receivers' hands.

The receivers disagreed. They said that they needed to raise a further £22,000 and for that purpose wished to realise one further property.

The plaintiffs sought by the motion of interlegations.

motion an interlocutory enquiry as to the proper amount of remuneranon needed to bring the receiver-ship to an end and an order restraining the receivers from disposing of any further properties until that figure was ascenained.

It was an unusual case and there appeared to be no authorities directly in point. So far as necessary one had to apply first principles.

The receivers' first duty was to the secured creditors. But. Mr Castle argued, the position altered where the receivership was, or arguably was at an end in the sense that all liabilities were ascertained and there was sufficient money to

His Lordship adopted the statement in Picarda on Receivers, Managers and Administrators (second edition (1990) pp252-3) as a general statement on the terminal duties and procedures of receivers: that if a receiver went beyond the point when he had completed his duties be might be liable to account as a trespasser. The unusual nature of the case

naid themselves first but had paid out the mortgagee.

The fact that it was their remuneration and costs that were

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which it might be tortious to continue to deal with the company's goods had been reached.

Mr Arkush argued that according to general principles and the terms of their appointment until they in the exercise of their powers in fact terminated the receivership they remained in the saddle owing their primary duty to the debenture holder and the company had no cause of action to control them.

There was no authority directly in point but three authorities pointed the way pretty clearly: In re B Johnson & Co (Builders) Ltd ([1955] Ch 634): Smiths Ltd v Middleton ([1979] 3 All ER 342): Gomba Holdings UK Ltd v Homan (1986) 1 WLR 1301).

From those authorities his Lord-ship derived the following (a) A receiver could not in general by the court at the suit of the (b) During the receivership the

receiver's primary duty was to the (c) If the receivership came to an end the receiver ought not to realise properties further. His authority to do so ceased, his action was tortious and he could and

should be restrained. (d) In his Lordship's judgment there was no difference between (c) had in his hands funds that if applied would bring the receiver ship to an end but failed to do so: (e) A receiver's duty to supply ormation and accounts aros

whether redemption could be effected with moneys in the receiver's hands, and indeed when. His Lordship came to the nehision that a cause of action did exist on the part of the company to restrain the receiver. perpenually, in proceeding further when he had sufficient to redeem

in his hands and it followed from that that if there was interlocutorily serious issue to be tried as to whether that point had been reached an interlocutory injunction might be granted.

The serious issue to be tried was the dispute as to what the proper sum for the receivers' remuneration was. On the receivers' figures they needed £22,000 over and above the sum in their hands and another property would have to be sold to realise it; on the company's figures they had nearly enough in their hands already and the excess of £250.59 the company was willing to pay personally. Clearly

there was a serous issue to be tried. The company's claim that damages would not be an adequate remedy was made out. In his Lordship's view damages could hardly ever be where the issue was forced sale of a property in a depressed market.

In weighing all the factors to find the balance of convenience his Lordship decided to grant an injunction restraining any further sales for seven days conditional on the company procuring £16,000 as a cross-undertaking in damages for the receivers if their figures eventually proved to be correct. Further consideration of the motion would be adjourned.

Solicitors: Allen Kandler & Co. Hendon: Berwin Leighton.

#### both where the company was seriously considering redemption and where it sought to discover disputed meant that it was un-

Knowles v Liverpool City Council Before Lord Justice Purchas and Mrs Justice Booth

(Judgment June 29) A flagstone was "equipment" for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Employers Liability (Defective Equipment) Act 1969.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Liverpool City Council from a judgment of Mr Recorder Briggs, on May 30, 1991, In Liverpool County Court, awarding damages of £3,092 to Mr Raymond Knowles, an employee of the plaintiffs, for personal injuries sustained in the course of his employment when he handled

Section 1 of the Employers Liability (Defective Equipment) Act 1969 provides: "(1) Where... (a) an employee suffers personal injury in the course of his employment in consequence of a defect in equipment provided by his em-

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> "(3) In this section ... 'equipment' includes any plant and machinery, vehicle, aircraft and dothing."
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> Mr William Braithwaite, QC for

Liverpool City Council; Mr John Benson for Mr Knowles. LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that he had to confess to having felt a great deal of hesita-tion in considering the relative

merits of two arguments. The first was that in such egislation the distinction between the equipment used by an employee "upon the employer's busi ness" and the material upon which he used that equipment would call for the specific inclusion of the word "material" in section 1(1)(a) so as to read "a defect in equipment or materials provided by his employers".

The second was the argumen based upon the acknowledged purpose of the legislation which was to protect the employee from falling between two stools in cases in which the employer having exercised all proper care and relying upon a reliable supplier in fact exposed his employee to dangerous material which had become dangerous through the fault of a third party, in the present

circumstances, the supplier.
In the end his Lordship had come to the conclusion that the stronger argument was that based on the broad approach to the Act bearing in mind its general purpose, rather than the argument based upon a precise, if not legalistic, construction of the terms of the Act itself.

Mrs Justice Booth agreed. Solicitors: Mr W. I. Murray. Liverpool; Brian Thompson Partners, Liverpool,

Dudgment June 181

Refore Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Stevn

Dale v British Coal Corpora-

Where notice of the existence of a claim and sufficient particulars were given so long after the expiry of the statutory limitation period that it was virtually impossible for the defendant to investigate, excep-tional circumstances would be required before the court would allow the case to proceed.

The test of whether the plaintiff acted reasonably in bringing the case late was an objective one: what would a reasonable man in the sition of the plaintiff ha A trade union member could usually be said to act reasonably if he followed union advice.

In considering whether the limitation period should be disapplied, where it was sought to that a prudent employer ought to have taken special precautions against injury to an employee at particular risk, expert evidence ould normally be required.

The Court of Appeal to held granting an appeal by the defen-dants, the British Coal Corporation, against an order of Mr Justice Blofeld on November 20, 1990, that section 11 of the Limitation Act 1980 should not apply to the plaintiff's claim, and thus dismissing an action for damages f rsonal injury suffered by Donald

Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC and Mr Robert J. Moore for the corporation: Mr Christopher Holland QC and Mr Howard Elgot for Mr Dale.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said the plaintiff, born in 1927, a diabetic since the age of five, was a welder at Lofthouse Colliery. On June 25, 1972 a spark had entered his boot and caused a burn which had subsequently ulcerated. As a result his left leg had to be amputated. When the accident happened he had not been

wearing spats.

The plaintiff had subsequently received £500 from a medical pribunal where he was represented by the Nanona Charles Mineworkers. He had known the the National Union of loss of his leg was attributable to the accident but local union officials did not support his claim to be entitled to more money.

He had written in November 1975 to the union's president, Mr Arthur Scargill, complaining that he was getting no satisfaction locally. Mr Scargill had replied that it appeared he might have a case at common law and advised him to contact his branch secretary immediately. The plaintiff had not done so, although he had spoken to the deputy secretary who lived in July 1981 the colliery had closed and in September 1985 the plaintiff's right leg had also been amputated. As a result of a conversation with an attendant, he had seen a solicitor on September 3, 1987 who had issued a writ and

statement of claim. The court should take into account the plaintiff's prospects of success in considering whether the limitation period should be disapplied. But it should no attempt to determine the merits on affidavit evidence. All that should be done was to determine the overall prospects.

The trial judge had been per-suaded that the defendants were ware the plaintiff suffered from diabetes and formed the view that a claim on the basis of Paris Stepnev Borough Council ([1951] AC 367) had a chance of success. Mr Holland had submitted that it was not incombent on the

plaintiff to advance evidence that a prudent employer would have known of the special risk of such an injury to a diabetic plaintiff. His Lordship was not impressed by that argument, Where it was

ssary in show that a prudent

employer should have taken precautions not taken by the defendants there should normally he expert evidence.

In his Lordship's judgment where the existence of a claim and sufficient particulars were given so late that was virtually impossible the defendant was gravely prej-udiced and it would require excep-tional circumstances for the court to disapply section 11 of the 1980

The judge had decided that no writing back to Mr Scargill for most people in the circumstances was on the face of it unreasonable. But he had not been prepared to lind that it was unreasonable in the plaintiff's case.

The judge had applied a wholly subjective test of reasonableness to the conduct of the plaintiff in bringing the case late. That was wrong. The test was an objective one: what would a reasonable man in the position of the plaintiff have done? A trade union member could usually be said to act reasonably if he followed union

The court was free to exercise its

discretion afresh and would do so in favour of the defendant. Lord Justice Steyn delivered a

concurring judgment. LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the plaintiff knew at the time of the amputation of his left legthat its loss was attributable to the

In 1975 he knew he might have a claim for common law damages He was advised by Mr Scargill to take immediate steps but decided

not to. The colliery had closed in 1481 It was not until 1988 that any claim was intimated to the

On those facts the judge had been plainly wrong to disapply section 11. He had been led into error by fulling to take an objective view of the plaintiff's reasonable-ness and fulling to assess the prejudice to the defendants. The fact that the plaintill had died since the start of the action was irrelevant to the correctness of

the judge's order. Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson, Donesser, Hatchett Jones & Kidali for Whitfield Hallam

#### Claim against trade union de-recognition fails

Associated Newspapers Ltd v Wilson Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr A. C. Blyghton and Mr.J. A. Powell

Judgment June 251 A journalist failed in his claim under section 23(1)(a) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 of infringement of his right not to have action taken against him as an individual by his employers for the purpose of deterring him from or penalising him for being a member of the National Union of Journalists following the withdrawal of union recognition and consequent loss of collective

bargaining rights. The Employment Appeal Tribunal, by a majority. Mr A. C. Blyghton dissenting, so held when allowing an appeal by Associated Newspapers Ltd, from a London industrial tribunal in October 1990 that they had contravened section 23(1)(a) of the 1978 Act in that they had taken action short of dismissat against Mr David William Wilson.

Section 23 provides: "(1) ... every employee shall have the right not to have action (short of dis-missal) taken against him as an individual by his employer for the purpose of — (a) preventing or deterring him from being or seeking to become a member of an

independent trade union; or penalising him for doing so. Mr Nicholas Underhill, QC for Associated Newspapers Ltd; Mr John Hendy, QC and Miss Jeo-nifer Eady for Mr Wilson.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that Associated Newspapers published the Daily Mail. Mail on Sunday and the Evening Standard. The applicant was a news sub-editor on the Daily Mail. He was a member of the National Union of Journal less and in 1988 became joint father of that chapel.

Early in 1989 the editors of all

three newspapers sought to end the collective relationship between themselves and their journalists and to establish individual contracts for each journalist. On June 27, 1989 the group board approved withdrawal of union

By April 1990 all but 15 of the 173 members of the chapel had signed individual contracts, with substantially the same terms and conditions as formerly but with pay individually negotiated. The applicant was one of the 15 who did

not sign.

The applicant had to prove that Associated Newspapers had taken action short of dismissal against him as an Individual which contravened section 23(1)(a).
It was then for Associated News-

papers to show the purpose for

which the action was taken against the applicant.
Under the section the individual was not entitled to complain if he suffered indirectly from the collec-

tive action but only if the employer took action against him personally The industrial tribunal considered what action Associated News-papers had taken and found that they had de-recognised the union. had changed the journalists' conditions of employment and had paid a salary increase only to those who had signed the new contracts. It held that the de-recognition

did not fall within section 23(1) because it was not action taken against the applicant as an individ-ual but that both the change of conditions and increased salary

The majority of the appeal tribunal disagreed. The only relevant action within the meaning of section 23(1)(a) was the offer of a pay rise but that alone did not affect the applicant's union membership or cause loss of

The industrial tribunal's conclusion that the employers had changed the applicant's terms of employment was contrary to the evidence. The appeal would be allowed and leave to appeal

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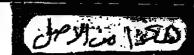
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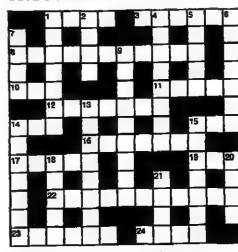
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9.30 Hot Chefs. Anton Edelmann prepares a warm chicken salad, rosette of lamb and a selection of canapes (s) (40111)
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (s) 10.25 Bananaman (n (6879821) 10.35 Showbiz People. Tim Grundy talks to film director Michael Winner, singer Julia Fordham and Rab C. Nesmitis albor em Gregors Figher (786-3823).

C Nesoth's alter ego Gregor Fisher (7631531)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 The Flying Doctors.
Medical drama series (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7621821) 11.50 The Travel

Show UK Mini Guides. What the Welsh seaside market town of Tenty has to offer the holidaymaker (r) (135) 19799)

12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Summer Scene.
Entertainment magazine (8449666) 12.55 Regional news and

1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (24640) 1.30 Neighbours

1.50 Wimbledon '92. Desmond Lynam introduces action in the women's singles semi-finals (17589111)



introducing programmes for children: Andi Peters (4.10pm)

4.10 Children's BBC presented by Andi Peters, beginning with Babar The first of a new series of cartoon adventures about an elephant family (2163869) 4.35 Uncle Jack and Operation Green. Episode four of a six-part cornedy drama serial staming Paul Jones and Kenneth Cope (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5216753)

5.00 Newsround (2014937) 5.05 Record Breakers presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. The first in a repeat of the twentieth anniversary series. Among those appearing are Status Quo, strongman Russ Bradley and Britain's first astronaut Helen Sharman. (Ceefax) (s) (1364537)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (734376). Northern Ireland: Inside 5.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceelax)

5,30 Regional News Magazines (79). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top Of the Pops introduced by Torry Dorse (s) (6111)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (63) 8.00 Every Second Counts. Against the clock game show hosted by

Paul Daniels (2531) 8.30 Russ Abbot. More comedy sketches from the 1990 series. With Les Dennis, Bella Emberg, Lisa Maxwell, Tom Bright, Jeffrey Holland and Sherrie Hewson. (Ceelax) (s) (1666)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1260)

9.30 999: Dramatic Stories of Real Life Rescues.

 CHOICE: The more this series proceeds, the more it looks like a clever idea. Reconstructions of true stories rarely fail on television and these have the extra edge of being about people in desperate straits. There is nothing like sitting in the comfort of an armchair watching others going to the edge, particularly when you know there will be a happy ending. Tonight's rescues are of a boy who fell into the gorilla pit in Jersey Zoo, a motorist who crashed and ended up with a steel pole through his chest and two fishermen who went adrift in the Bristol Channel. The tales are designed to highlight the courage and skill of the rescuers, whether trained professionals or members of the public, and to provide pegs for nints on safety. There is a also a video report from the fearless Fiona on the London flying ambulance service. (Ceefax) (s) (128145)

10.20 Today at Wimbledon. Harry Carpenter introduces highlights of the women's singles semi-finals. (Ceefax) (s) (499111) 11.20 Paradise. Western adventure series. The peace of Paradise is shattered by the discovery nearby of a precious metal. Starring Lee Horsley and Signid Thornton (699579)

12.05am Weather (3631999), Ends at 12.10 2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (23048). Ends at 2.45 6.45 Open University: A School of Genes (7890043). Ends at 7.10

8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (3829647)

BBC2

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9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon. Harry Carpenter introduces highlights of the men's singles quarter-finals (t) (65666)
10.00 A Week To Remember. Pathé newsreel footage from this week 40 years ago (4666579)
10.10 After Hours. American entertainment magazine (8390937)
10.35 The Brollys. Animation for the young (t) (7486395)
10.50 Cricket and Wimbledon '92. Tony Lews introduces live coverage of the opening session of the third Test between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Ray lilingworth, Geoffrey Boycott, Jack Bannister and Asif lighal There is also coverage from Wimbledon of the women's singles semi-finals. The commentators in SW19 are John Barrett, Ann Jones and The commentators in SW19 are John Barrett, Ann Jones and

Virginia Wade (19151531)

3.00 News and weather (4450821) followed by Westminster Live introduced by Vivian White (7939531) 3.50 News, regional news nd weather (1501550) 4.00 Wimbledon '92, Cricket and Athletics. Further tennis action and

cricket from Old Trafford, plus David Coleman with live coverage of the Stockholm grand pm; (6991376)
Wildlife Showcase: Shadow Hunters. A documentary about the hazardous but financially rewarding business of collecting the nests of swiftlets which are to be found in the sea caves of southern Thailand. Their ultimate fate is to be birds' nest soup. (Ceefax)



Italian sojourn: Sorrento on the Amalfi coast (9.00pm)

9.00 The Travel Show. Paddy Haycocks samples Somento, Carol Smillie explores Jersey and Sarl' and Penny Junor has advice on avoiding holiday horrors, based on videoed complaints sent in by viewers.

9.30 Pandora's Box: Goodbye Mrs Ant.

• CHOICE: Adam Curtis's superb series on the misapplications of science continues with the story of DDT and other insect-destroying chemicals in the United States. They arrived just after the second world war and were a godsend to farmers, saving crops from being savaged by pests and relieving much of the drudgery of working on the land. Nature had been conquered and one farmer recalls: "We thought we were building an American dream". Then it was discovered that the pesticides had harmful side-effects, killing birds and fish and upsetung the balance of nature. The ecology movement was born. Curis tells the tale with his usual skill, handling events and ideas with equal danty and lightening the narrative with clips from Hollywood movies (though it would be useful to have these identified). (Ceefax) (28005)

10.30 Newsnight with James Cox (271937) 11.15 Cricket. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the first day's pla in the third Test between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford (s) (967482)

12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the Open University's weekend programmes (3623970)

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10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a teenager with supernatural powers (r) (s) (6884753) 10.25 Wowser. Animation about an eccentric professor and his dog (6887840) 10.55 News

11.00 Ox Tales. Animation (2245821) 11.25 Just for the Record Record-breaking feats (r) (9464463) 11.50 Tharnes News headlines (5989666) 11.55 Cartoon Time (6464460) 12.10 The

Riddlers, Children's puppet series (r) (3062734)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (3246192) 1.10 Thames News (55805463)

1.20 Home and Away, Australian family drama, (Oracle) (50744937)

1.50 A Country Practice, Medical drama serial set in a small Australian outback town (99170937)

2.30 The General 156 Guide, Springmental peace presented by Dilly

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6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (95) 6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (47) 7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (8579)

7.30 The Full Treatment. New migraine treatments, care of stroke victims and young cerebral palsy sufferers (r) (31)
8.00 The Bill: Part of the Furniture. DC Dashwood's (John Bes) investigations into the theft of some very small furniture leads to something a lot bigger. (Orade) (7227)



Miscarriage? Kenny Richey faces the electric chair (8.30pm)

8.30 This Week: The Brit on Death Row. The story of Kenny Richey, a 26-year-old Scot sentenced to die in the electric chair at the Ohio state penitentiary after being found guilty of an arson attack in which a two-year-old girl was killed, although there was no direct evidence linking Richey to the crime. (Oracle) (6734)

9.00 LA Law. American courtroom drama series. (Oracle) (5579)

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Gallery (s) (559227) 11.15 Prisoner: Ceil Block H. More dramas concerning the caged

women of Wentworth (706208)

12.10am Duels of the Mind. Raymond Keene, grandmaster and chess correspondent of The Times, examines the Paulsen v Morphy game played in New York in 1857 (1503319)

12.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: When This Man Dies. A compulsive

gambler begins to receive unsolicited money in the post (7305628) 1.05 Film: Queen of Diamonds (1976). German-made diamond smuggling drama starring Olga Georges-Picot and directed by Raymond R. Homer (804222)

3.00 Hardball. American police drama series. This episode features British actress Millicent Martin (r) (s) (80135) 4.00 New Sessions. Manchester hand the Days perform at Hopwood Hall, Middleton (44512)

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (38390)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (87131) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (77628). Ends at 6.00 CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3027937; 9.25 Elly and Jools, Adventures of a schoolboy with a ghost for a friend (r) (1746685) 9.55 The Henderson Kids (r) (2911208) 10.20 Star Test. The computer cross-evalurines Wendy James, lead singer

of Transvision Vamp (r) (5886:11)
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3.45 Adele and the Postes of Ardmore. A documentary about a Welsh immigrant to Canada who now breeds ponies (3275289)

4.00 Check Out "92 (r) (s) (60) 4.30 Countdown (s) (44)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Today's guests are all relatives of people who have mysteriorists disappeared (7864901)

people who have mysteriously disappeared (7864901) 5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (228666)

6.30 Tales From the Poop Deck Adventures of Blackheart the pirate

(r). (Teletext) (s) (89)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Anne Perkins (Teletert) Weather (363289) 7.50 Comment (589869)

8.00 The Black Bag: Love on the Line. OCHOICE: A cheery film from an often sombre series follows.

Diana, fashion editor and single parent, on blind dates with three

brains, testificate each and sangle parents since writer looking for "a wadry girl who will teach him the meaning of life" takes her to an art gallery. Then it is dinner in Park Lane with musician J.R. Skeet, a "shy romantic" who serenades her in song. Finally, She meets Anthony, a Hatton Garden jeweller, outside the Albert Hall and is startled to find herself at a boxing show. The camera eavesdrops on each date and records Diana's verdict on the three suitors, as relayed to her inquisitive young son. The project is conducted with the greatest good humour and the light touch is sustained to the very last frame. The film is a pleasing rebuttal to the charge that black people tend to be portrayed on television as

the charge that black people tend to be portrayed on television as "problems" (5869)

8.30 The Crystal Maze. Adventure game show (s) (72463)

9.30 True Stories: Heavy Petting.

© CHOICE: A documentary from the American film-maker Obse Benz has much fun contrasting the heavy-handed moralising of sex education films in the 1950s with what actually went on, as recalled by William Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg, David Byrne and others. The film dispenses with commentary but is embellished by the pop music of the period and celluloid glimpses of Manlyn Morroe, Marlon Brando and James Dean. The result is frank, rude and often funny but eventually initiation sets in, a product of the and often furny but eventually irritation sets in, a product of the bitty, shapeless structure and the feeling that beneath the relentless jocularity there are serious themes trying to get out all the same; as a portrait of a more innocent, pre-permissive age. when VD was seen as the penalty for unprotected sex and Aids Was years into the future, Heavy Petting has its value. (Teletertic (5802192)

10.35 First Frame: Painted Faces. A short set in an artist's studio (s) (842024)



Rocking in Brazil: George Michael in concert (11.10pm)

11.10 Rock in Rio. The first of four programmes of highlights of the rock concert held in Rio de Janeiro last year featuring more than 20 for acts. Tonight's programme includes Guns n° Roses, Judas Priest George Michael and Faith No More (s) (428918)

12.10am Film: Death Of An Angel (1951, bw.) starring Patrick Barr as a

doctor who becomes a prime suspect when his wife is murdered Directed by Charles Saunders (6801241) 1.25 Film: Murder at the Windmill (1949, b/w) starring Jon Pertwee

Murder mystery set in the famous West End theatre. Directed  $\nu$ , Val Guest (3816654). Ends at 2.40

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

O Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 5.00am The DJ k.4: Show (92899598) 8-40 Mrs. Pepperpot (8557685) 8-55 Playabout (7388647) 9.10 Cartoons (1299550) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (80753) 10.00 Let's Male a Ceal (22314) 10.30 The Bodd and the Beauthiy (58656) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (59956) 12.00 St Elsewhere (70376) 1.00pm E. Sheet (20444) 1.30 Geraldo (85735) 2.30 Another World (3691802) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (593005) 3.45 The DJ hat Show (5557111) 5.00 Facts of Life (3289) 5.30 Diffrent Smokes (6482) 6.00 Love at First Sight (3395) 6.30 E. Sneet (4647) 7.00 Alf (6753) 7.30 Candid Camera (3531) 8.00 Full House (2173) 8.30 Murphy Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites (acca77,000 Art 16723) 7.30 Candid Camera 135311 8.00 Full House (2173) 8.30 Murphy Brown (1208) 9.00 Chances (33869) 10.00 Studs (40647) 10.30 Hunlar (53579) 11.30 Fashion TV (28598) 12.00 Pages from Skytex

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10.3 Martin Selle (1990) Second world wat drama (19289) 10.00 The Hitcher (1986); Rutger Hauer stalks C. Thomas Homelf (124043) 11.40 Maniac Cop 2 (1990); The psycholic law enforcer wisels further havor (996024) 1.10am Graffid Bridge (1990); Phote's and martin (1930); Phote's 1.10am Grammo stronge (1790), Prince's rock musical (4223528) 2.40 Food of the Gods II (1989). A campus is terrorised by Jaboratory stat (5583545) 4.10 Georgia (1989). Judy Davis, descends into madness (7815715). Ends at 5.40

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6.15am The Skin Game (1932, bivar)
Drama about two landowner (385753)
8.15 Asterix and the Big Fight (1988).
Cartoon (45053)
10.15 Virgin Island (1956) An Island home proves far from krylic (470395)
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2.15 Columbo Goes to College (1991): Starning Peter Falk (729173)
4.15 The Adventures of the Wilderhess
Family (1975)\* Adventure story (624289)
6.15 Return to Gerein Acres (1990)
Comedy about an urban couple who move to a backwater town (637753)
8.15 Billind Vengeance (1990) A father average; the death of his son (16333294)
10.05 Bull Durham (1988)\* Bazeball groupto Susan Sarandon befriends rooke Tim Robberz and veteran Kamin Costner (519550)
11.55 The Detective (1966)\* Fank Smatia intestigates a homose wal munder (556376)
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3.25 The Collector (1965)\* Ference Stamp Indiags Samantha Eggar (776222)\* Ends at 1.55

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

 Via the Astra satellite
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SKY SPORTS

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RADIO 2

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WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST, 4.30am World Business Apport 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 Hews and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagaan 5.20 Tips für Tourisen 5.24 Tiess, in German 5.30 Europe Tostig 5.59 Weather 6.00 World Revis 6.30 Londress Nation 6.59 Weather 7.00 World Revis 7.09 News About Birtan 7.15 Tips World Today 7.30 Sports International 8.00 Newsdesh 8.30 Network (xf 9.00 World News 9.09 World 5 Fash 9.15 Good Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 World Revis 10.05 World Birtans 7.05 World

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Orchestra under Bonynge 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): i Morning Concert (cont):
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Erssemble); Shostakovich
(Plano Concerto No 2 in F:
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News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Mussorgsky, Suniess (Boris Christoff, bass, Alexandre Labrisky, Diano); Pictures at an Editionion (Alfred Brendel,

piano)
Beethoven and Schubert:
Krzystof Smelana, violin,
John Blakeley, piano, perform
Schubert (Sonabna in D. D 384); Beethoven (Sonata in A minor, Op 23) 10.10 88C Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Torteler performs Hindernith (Symphony in E

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Test Match Special: England v Pairstan. The first day's play of the third Test at Old Trafford Commentary by Brian Johnston and Jonathan Brian Johnston and Jonathan Agnew. Comment from Mike Hendrick and David Lloyd. The scorer is Bill Frindall. 1.05pm News. 1.10 Into the Tiger's Lar. Peter Batter recalls the 1924 England tour of Pakistan. 1.30 County Scoreboard. 1.40 Commentary. 3.45 County Talk: Peter Barter chairs a discussion on the county scene with Graeme Fowler, Simon Hughes and Nick Cook. 4.00 Commentary and close of play summary. (If play finishes early, Radio 3 wall revent to a

music schedule) Evening Sequence: A selection of music on records 7.25 News 7.30 88C Symphony Orchestra; Andrew Davis conducts works

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1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)

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RADIO 3 by Edward Shipley, Brahms and Nielsen

CHOICE: Tonight's concert, recorded in March, includes an orchestral piece that has a tenuous link with Hitler.

Shiplay's Hasta I program which

Shipley's Hasta Longina, which received its world premiere at this concert, was inspired by the supposed occult qualities of the sword, now on display at the Hofburg museum in Vienna, that was said to have pierced Christ's side on the verma, unat was said to har pierced Christ's side on the cross. Hitter venerated it, believing its mystic powers would help him to conquer the world. Tonight's other works are Brahms's Violin Concerto (soloist Christian Tetzlaff) and Nielsen's Symphony No 5

9.15 Portsuguese Keytoand Mussic. In the first of two programmes, Melvyn Tan, harpsichord, plays Fr Manuelde Santo Elias (Sonata in Effat), Sepas (Sonata in C), FX Baptsta (Sonata in C minor); José de Sant'Ana (Sonata in G minor); Seivas (Sonata in G minor). Seivas (Sonata in G minor).

minor); Seivas (Sonata in G-minor) (f)

1.55 Music in Our Tamer, Stephen Plaistow introduces highlights from a concert given in November 1991 at the Almeida Theatre, BBC Singers under Simon Joly perform Stockhausen (Chöre für Doris); Von Böse (Four Madrigals); Delz (Joyce Famtasy). With Alison Wells, soprano, John Alley and Catherine Edwards, pianos, Christoph Delz, harmonium

parios, Christoph Delz, harmonium Defore the Blues: Old Country Stomp. The fourth of-an eight-part award-winning series exploring the origins of blues music. Paul Office recalls how the guitar began to replace banjos and fiddles in music for rural dances in the American South. However, string bands continued to

American South. However, string bands continued to thrive in the country districts (r) 11.30 News 5-12.35am Composers of the Week: Bruch (Eight Pieces, Op 83: Nos 3, 5 and 6; In Memoram, Op 65; Partsongs, Seven Lieder, Op 71; Eight Pieces, Op 83 No 6 — final version! (r)

12.00 You and Yours, with John
Howard
12.25pm Slightly Foxed: Gill Pyrah
is joined by Michael Dibolin.
Sue Limb, Alan Plater and
Nigel Williams for the last in
the series of the literary quiz
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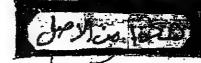
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Lower interest rates held

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Provisions of £40 million

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#### Closer link with BAe could create dominant defence group TODAY IN

# GEC suggests private-sector future for EFA

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE General Electric Company has approached the defence ministry about linking with British Aerospace to offer a private-sector solution for the future of the £22 billion European fighter air-

craft (EFA) programme.

Although no firm proposals have been drawn up, GEC apparently believes that Britain's two biggest defence con-tractors could co-operate to take over management of the project, delivering the same varplane, at lower cost, to

Britain, Italy, and Spain. Such an initiative would reinforce Britain's leading role in the European defence industry. BAe and GEC are the two leading British con-tractors on EFA. They have more than 3,000 staff working on the project under contracts worth more than £1 billion. It would also secure far closer collaboration between Britain's two biggest defence contractors: a move that GEC has long advocated but that BAe and the government have resisted.

Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, said it was an interesting idea that could offer a way forward and which might provide a cheap-er solution with an element of private sector risk for the

prime contractor that is at present lacking. Lord Weinstock may believe yesterday's German decision not to buy EFA could provide an opportunity to ambition. Last summn, he tried unsuccessfully to exploit BAe's slide into losses to defence contractor would give better value for taxpayers, and compete more effectively with overseas rivals.

If control of EFA were shifted to UK companies, the contractors believe streamlined management and economies of scale would cut delays and costs, and perhaps increase the chance that Germany will buy the plane later. It would also facilitate restructuring of the UK defence industry to cope with reduced defence spending and increased competitive pressures. In the longer term, an inte-

grated serospace and electronics grouping might form an alliance with French defence groups to produce EFA's successor. British defence industry sources say France has proved a reliable and committed partner in collaborative projects, such as the Jaguar aircraft. BAe and GEC are already co-operating with French partners on individual projects.
GEC's qualifications for as-

suming a greater role in EFA are hard to challenge. The company yesterday silenced critics and delighted the City by promising to lift its dividend after announcing increased profits. GEC has also increased in cash reserves.

In the year to the end of March, GEC recorded a pretax profit of £829 million (£818 million), on sales down a whisker at £9.43 billion. The cash surplus rose £348 million to £876 million. The final dividend is to be lifted to up 3.78 per cent, and covered 1.94 times by earnings.

GEC said it saw no imachieve closer links, arguing provement in the British that a single, dominant UK economy. However, a strong performance in defence and telecommunications, backed by rising profits from its European interests in the manufacture of trains and power station equipment, gave the board the confidence to im-

prove the dividend payout. The breadth of GEC's activities, and the strength of its financial controls, have allowed it to ride out falling profits from UK industrial and commercial markets. In some areas, including the joint venture manufacture of Hotpoint domestic appliances in tandem with General Electric of America, the group managed to raise profits and market share despite weak demand.

The improvement has conthued to cost jobs, however. About 14,500 went last year, including 10,000 in the UK, reducing the total to 148,000. Thousands more jobs are expected to go this year, particularly from the defence business, GEC Marconi. Spending on research and development stayed at £1.04 billion. Faced with stagnant defence spending GEC has pushed up civil sales at GEC Marconi to 27 per cent. It expects more success es transferring military tech-

nology to civil markets. The company believes its railway, power plan, telecommunications and medical equipment businesses offer the best growth prospects. But it is not neglecting con-sumer markets. GEC expects to launch a video telephone completed development of an airline in-flight entertainment system.

Best solution, page 23



Qualified for the job: GEC, under Lord Weinstock, may save the EFA project

#### Bush calls for cut in US rates as signs of recovery weaken

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

the world economic summit in Munich, President Bush has joined the clamour for lower American interest rates amid fresh signs that the recovery has yet to become firmly established.

The president's remarks during a television interview came on the second day of the policy-setting session of the Federal Reserve's open market committee and just before the release of surprisingly weak survey results from the National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM). The survey index dropped to 52.8 per cent last month from 56.3 per cent in May. Wall Street forecasts had centred on 55.7 per cent

for June. The dollar fell on news of the survey, while share prices rose on Wall Street as hopes of a fresh rate cut were raised. Market sentiment was, however, cautious before today's chairman of the NAPM sur vey committee, said the index was still showing an expanding manufacturing economy, despite the big fall in June. A reading above 50 per cent is taken as evidence of growth. Mr Bretz also noted that the new orders index was at 58.3 per cent in June, which suggested that the economy would continue to grow over

the next month or two. President Bush said he did not want to put pressure on the Fed to reduce interest rates or undermine its independence. Mr Bretz said he thought that the fall in the NAPM index should not affect interest rate decisions. Meanwhile, Theo Waigel,

the German finance minister. suggested in Bonn that German interest rates could be cut soon. Today's Bundesbank council meeting is, however, not expected to adjust key official lending

WITH only days to go before payroll figures. Robert Bretz, rates. The final council sescess, held on July 16, is more likely to produce monetary policy signals.

In London, the stock market suffered another volatile session, with early gains quickly wiped out as institutional investors continued to avoid shares given the absence of any economic recovery. The FT-SE 100 index ignored a firm start to trading on Wall Street, closing 27.3 points lower at 2,493.9.

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#### Big day for Lloyd's future

By Jon Ashworth

TWO of the most far-reaching reports on the conduct of Lloyd's will be published today as names face new demands for £307 million in the wake of catastrophic losses in the 1989 underwriting year.

Names on the hardest-hit syndicates face losses of four times their premium income fimit at Lloyd's. Measures requiring names to spread their risks through the insurance market seem certain in the wake of Sir David Walker's discovery of widespread incompetence among members' agents.

The Walker report rules out systematic fraud among market professionals but alleges that members' agents were guilty of significant incompetence in recommending highrisk syndicates to names.

Calls for tighter regulation of Lloyd's are likely to follow publication of Sir Jeremy Morse's report on future management of the insurance market. Sir Jeremy was appointed in January to review proposals that the regulation and day-to-day run-ning of the market should be

Names on syndicates run by the Gooda Walker underwriting agency face total cash calls of £545 million after new demands announced yesterday. Losses on seven Gooda Walker syndicates make up a quarter of the £2.09 billion incurred by Lloyd's members in the 1989 year.

Names on syndicate 298, losses in 1989 of 420.58 per cent, meaning that those who wrote a typical line of £25,000 are being asked to pay out 4.2 times that amount — or £105,000.

More than 2,000 underwriting members of Lloyd's had their affairs managed by Walker, Which placed in liquidation last year. Since October, managebeen handled by GW Run-Off, a managing agent appointed by Lloyd's.

Ralph Sharp, manager of GW Run-Off, said cash calls had been based on the lower end of market estimates. It was possible that more funds would be needed, but he hoped to avoid further cash

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#### Investors decline to take up Telegraph flotation offer

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

Page 21 graph pic has flooped, with more than two-thirds of the shares in the £42.25 million THE POUND offer for sale left with underwriters. The company said it received 5,700 applications 1.9132 (+0.0102) for 3.04 million shares when German mark the offer closed at 10 am yes-2.8970 (-0.0022) terday. Aimost 10 million shares remained unsold: Exchange index

Institutional investors rejected the offer because of the recent fall in the stock market Bank of England official close (4pm) and the growing opposition to new share issues. Institu-STOCK MARKET tions and analysts also voiced concerns about the compa-FT 30 share ny's future acquisition plans. The poor prospects for short-term profits ensured 1917.3 (-25.0)

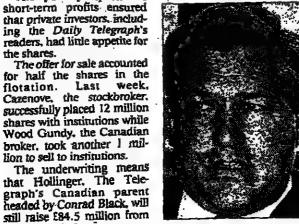
ing the Daily Telegraph's readers, had little appetite for **New York Dow Jones** the shares. 3338.31 (+19.79)\* The offer for sale accounted Tokyo Nikkei Avge for half the shares in the 16325.07 (+373.34) flotation. Last week, Cazenove, the stockbroker. INTERESTRATES successfully placed 12 million shares with institutions while Wood Gundy, the Canadian London: Bank Sese: 10% 3-month Interbenk 10\*19-10% 3-month eligible bills:91\*32-912% US: Prime Rate 612% Federal Funds 376%\*

lion to sell to institutions. The underwriting means that Hollinger. The Telegraph's Canadian parent headed by Conrad Black, will still raise £84.5 million from the float before expenses. Hollinger has now reduced

THE floration of The Tele- its stake in the company from 87 to 68 per cent.

The failure of the offer means The Telegraph's shares are likely to open at a deep discount to the 325p flotation price when they start trading next Wednesday. Some of the sub-underwriters may decide to sell their holdings into the market immediately. Analysts estimated they could trade in the market for as little as 280p.

A merchant banker at NM Rothschild, the company's advisers, blamed the poor response on the fall in the stock



Black: setback

market since the price was announced last week. "We are philosophical rather than depressed. In the general air of gloom in the market at the moment it was inevitable de-

mand would suffer," he said. He denied that the failure of the offer for sale would dent The Telegraph's image. "At the end of the day the quality of the company will deter-mine its standing."

# Governor wants better training

By Our Banking Correspondent

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of a high level of training and professional standards in the securities industry to protect the City's position as a worldwide financial centre.

He was speaking at the official launch of the Securities Institute, the new professional body for the City's stockbrokers, asset managers and corporate financiers. The institute will be responsible for training and qualifi-

cations in the securities in-

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "Whatever the regulatory regime, the competence and ethics of practitioners are bound to remain the essential underpinning to a sound and honest market. The institute will help to provide the infrastructure, in terms of trained and qualified personnel, to

sustain the City's reputation. "The stock market has always prided itself on its integrity and professional exper-tise. These qualities are as important as ever and subject to greater scrutiny from regulators, the press and the general public," he added.

The institute was founded in March and has replaced individual membership of the London Stock Exchange. It already has 3,500 members. most of whom have transferred from the stock exchange. It hopes to expand this to 5,500 by March.

Its main role will be to organise a training and qualification programme on behalf of the Securities and Futures Authority. Prospective members of the institute will have to pass three levels of exams, foundation, competency and professional, before they can join.

The institute has also drawn up a code of ethics and will discipline members that

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# Haggis warning in annual analysis of analysts

BY RODNEY HOUSON

COUNTY NatWest Woodmac, the stockbroker involved in the Blue Arrow rights issue, has clawed its

The NatWest Bank subsidiary has moved up to second place in the annual rating of investment analysts by Extel, the financial information group. The surge was not enough to topple SG Warburg from the top spot it won last year, but it was enough to push Capel, the winner for 11 consecutive years until two years ago, into

third place.
UBS Phillips & Drew came fourth in the 19th annual survey among investment fund managers, and Kleinwort Bensen fifth. Kleinwort

did have the consolation of providing the all-stars team in its building materials analysts, lead by Jamie Stevenson.

Rankings inevitably change. As Geoffrey Osmint, consulting editor at Extel, pointed out, the average age of consultants is 43, so there are not many who were around when the results of the first surveys were dished out in the back room of a pub. The hotly contested results now grace the Guildhall in the City of London.

An additional 200 analysts' jobs were shed in the past 12 months, by gentle attrition rather than dramatic redundancies. Even so, ungracious fund managers believe that 40 per cent of research could be axed.

even half the bumpf that lands on their desks, according to Mr Osmint Mr Osmint said: "A criticism I heard frequently was that analysis want a quiet life and are not going to rock the boat by hurting a corporate relationship, and that they are paralysed with fear at the thought of downgrading a company that is a corporate customer."

Analysts will be hoping that the task of reading balance sheets will be easier after the Accounting Standards Board has tickled companies into submission. Professor David Tweedie, the board's chairman, told the assembled analysts there were only two problems: the balance sheet and the profit and loss account.

and the earnings per share. Professor Tweedie, a Scot, said balance sheets were like haggis: if you knew what went into them you would not touch them with a barge pole. "It is simply not possible to collapse all important aspects of a company's financial performance into a single number," he Professor Tweedie and his board

intend to abolish extraordinary items. He said: "More than half the companies in this country had an extraordinary item in their accounts. If extraordinaries are so important, what are they doing in their normal businesses? Only 5 per cent of American companies had an extraordinary item in their latest accounts."

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Only one manager in ten reads He urged analysts not to pay too

# Granada gets its profits picture in focus

IT has not taken long for Gerry Robinson to work his spell on Granada. Pre-tax profits of £57.2 million in the six months to mid-April, a 49 per cent rise, matched the demands set by the share price. This has outstripped the market by 70 per cent since the start of the year.

According to Mr Robinson,

According to Mr Robinson, the magic consisted of simplifying the structure of the group and improving operating efficiency. That was certainly the case at the troublesome computer services division, which achieved a £7.9 million turnound in the half-year to make a £4.3 million profit on an unchanged turnover.

Higher advertising revenue and lower levy charges contributed to a 26 per cent advance in the television programming division but there were setbacks for UK TV rental and leisure. The biggest influence on the pre-tax figure was the £15.2 million improvement in the interest charge, to £19.3 million, thanks to the £163 million rights issue last summer.

The enlarged share base

means that the advance at the

earnings level is limited to 15

per cent, at 8.2p a share, sufficient to persuade the board to hoist the interim payment from 2.5p to 2.75p. So far, so good. But already the market is getting twitchy, and is questioning Granada's ability to keep up the pace. However, there will no further losses in Canada, now that the troubled rental business there has gone, and UK rental operations are only beginning to see the benefits of the new customer account-

ing system. Reorganising the

FROM REUTER

THE European Commission

is due to launch a campaign

for cheaper telephone calls

today with proposals that

could mean abolition of nat-

ional telephone companies'

sole right to handle calls

between European Communi-

mission would publish a study

proving that charges for cross-

EC officials said the com-



Charter trio: Nigel Robson, finance director, Charles Parker, commercial director. Jeffrey Herbert, chief executive

which results from an enquiry him tomorrow in demanding

officials said

bowling clubs, hotels and travel business that compose the leisure division has yet to produce results. County Natwest is looking for up to 15p of earnings for the full year, which means the shares, at 256p, are selling on a prospective multiple of more than 17. High, maybe, but justified

#### Charter Consolidated

THE trouble with being awfully rich, as Charter Consolidated — which had net cash balances of £122 million at the end of March — should

and floating proposals to allow

private companies to offer

the state monopolies.

dephone services alongside

"It's clear and cut and dry

that there's a problem, there's

not enough relation between

the costs (of phone calls) and

the distance," said one official.

times the price of a domestic

call when phoning the same

distance across the border to

Germany or the Netherlands,

said the official. He cited

examples from the study.

Danes pay more than four

EC to push for cheaper telephone calls

a year ago.

Despite recession, profits from Charter's managed businesses made a creditable 5 per cent advance in the year, to help lift operating profits from £58.3 million to £59.2 million. But though the average yield achieved by treasury management was 11.7 per cent, compared with a market average yield of 10.9 per cent.

know, is the pain you suffer

when interest rates fall.

management was 11.7 per cent, compared with a market average yield of 10.9 per cent, a 24 per cent reduction to £14.6 million in interest received clipped Charter's pretax profits from £77.5 million to £73.8 million. The total dividend still rose. Without the interest let-down and higher tax, Charter would

that was launched more than

peated across the Community,

with a French caller paying

1.14 ecus for a three-minute

domestic call and 1.98 ecus to

make a cross-border call of the

Sir Leon Brittan, EC compe-

tition commissioner and a

renowned free-marketeer, will

ask his colleagues in the 17-

member commission, the

EC's executive body, to back

same time and distance.

The same pattern was re-

have been spared its first net earnings drop in five years. But the new management team, and direction, that came into Charter five years ago has turned the business round; perhaps profits and earnings will become more vigorous.

One spin-off from the recession is that anxious sellers of assets which could well fit Charter's profile are continuously knocking at its door. With cash in hand, time is on Charter's side. Meanwhile, the fight against costs goes on — not only at Charter but at Cape and at Johnson Matthey too. Charter's stakes in JM and Cape, plus its net

cuts in charges. He faces some

resistance, however, other

They said some commis-

sioners saw a danger in taking on the powerful telephone

companies at a time when EC

capitals wanted to see a more

hands-off approach from

Others disagreed with the

idea of breaking up the telephone monopolies, especially

in the community's remoter

cash, are together worth 475p of yesterday's 538p share price, and pre-tax profits — and dividends — this year should be heading north. A 1993 profits outcome of £78 million, backed by a 22.5p total dividend, puts the shares on 12 times prospective earnings and a 5.6 per cent yield. Cheap, on a year's view.

#### Midlands Electricity

UNLIKE most of its regional electric company peers, Midlands Electricity is not setting down medium-term parameters for its dividend policy. But its directors followed up a pro forma 14.7 per cent increase in the total dividend to 17.25p for the year to March 3 I with a statement that "there was a clear commitment to remain competitive". One presumes they will never go first in any reporting season.

On earnings per share up from 35.7p to 49, the cover is 2.8 times, in line with the rest of an industry which is growing ever more anxious to demonstrate to Ofer, its regulator, that it has adequately balanced the interests of its consumers against those of its than those of its than the literature.

In that vein, Midlands says that in the long term it wants between 15 and 20 per cent of its profits to come from stable but non-regulated areas. Midlands Gas, the first of the attempts by the electricity companies to supply gas, already has 700 customers and is expected to break even in its first full year.

Presumably to appease its local consumer lobby, Midlands makes the point that if the £14.1 million of underrecovered profits from 1990-1 that was included in the 1991-2 figures is removed, pre-tax profits rose only 4.4 per cent (after stripping out £10 million of restructuring costs). This compares with the stated real increase of 29.5 per cent, from £109.7 million to £142.1 million, and the 46.8 per cent pro forma rise from £96.8 million.

on forecasts for the current year of £164 million, up 15 per cent, a dividend of 19.5p is expected out of earnings up to 56.6p. The shares rose 11p to 337p yesterday, offering a forward yield of 6.4 per cent.

rights issue last year. Last

month, Mr Strowger, a former finance director of Grand

Metropolitan, was appointed chief executive of APV, the

manufacturer of food machin-

The company opened five new stores and there are plans

for four more in the current

year, taking the total chain to 28. This includes the former

flagship store in Tottenham

Court Road, central London,

which reopened in March.

four months after a firebomb

Despite the new openings, total costs during the year rose

2 per cent and the direct wage bill 1 per cent, as a result of the

# British Bio-technology valued at £160m

SHARES in British Bio-technology Group traded at 450p when dealings started yesterday, valuing the business at just over £160 million. Trading began simultaneously on the London market and on Nasdan, the American over-the-counter market, at 2.30pm as the group set about placing 7.06 million new shares in the group with British and American institutional investors.

American institutional investors.

The placing, at 425p a share, will raise £30 million of new money for the company, which is the first emerging pharmaceutical company to obtain a listing on the London Stock Exchange. The new shares repute the enlarged capital. The proceeds will be used primarily to fund the group's research and development of medical products in its chosen areas such as asthma treatment, the spread of cancer tumours, and Aids immunotherapy. All the existing equity is held by about 30 institutions and a few BBC directors, most of whom are scientists.

#### Engineer pegs payout

MS INTERNATIONAL, the defence contractor and engineer, is holding its final dividend at 1.5p, making an unchanged total of 2.5p for the year to May 2. Pre-tax profits rose from £60.000 to £250.000 after the disposal and closure of loss-making businesses. Earnings were Ip (0.4p) a share. Turnover of £30.53 million, compared with £38.51 million previously, when there was a £6.5 million contribution from discontinued activities. Operating profits fell from £670.000 to £425,000, but this was offset by a decline in interest charges. There is a net extraordinary charge of £1.77 million.

#### Jobs go at toolmaker

THE recession has claimed an additional 250 jobs. Jones & Shipman, the machine tool maker based in Leicester, has announced plans to cease machining metal. The company has charged £3.75 million against restructuring costs in the year to end-March, resulting in pre-tax losses of £7.35 million (£960,000 loss). Losses rose from 8.2p a share to 56.1p. There is no dividend for the year (1p). Turnover was £15.91 million (£22.38 million), leaving an operating loss of £3.04 million (£413,000 profit). The company expects little improvement in trading conditions before the end of the year.

#### Bank payout expected

DEPOSITORS and creditors of the Bank of Credit and Commerce Hong Kong will, in September, receive their first payout since the bank was closed last year. Robin Hearter, the official receiver and liquidator, said in Hong Kong. Mr-Hearder, quoted by the Government Information Service, said he could not give the exact size of the dividend, but was optimistic it would be about 40 per cent of the total sum owed. The final amount depended on adjudication of claims due in be lodged this month and the collection of loans.

#### Jaguar enters top ten

JAGUAR has climbed into the top ten of the league table of the world's most reliable cars in the most convincing evidence that the company is shrugging off two years of recession. The league table of customer satisfaction, in which Jaguar has been placed tenth, is drawn up annually by J D Power and Associates and is the survey most eagerly awaited by manufacturers, which know that it can make or break their sales in America. Last year, Jaguar scraped to twenty-fifth in the American survey after Power studied cars built in 1990.

#### ICL buys Technology

ICL, the British computer group controlled by Japan's Fufitsu, has acquired Technology Plc, a computer distribution company, for about £30 million. Technology was created after the £29 million management buy-out of the computer distribution business of MBS. Technology, already one of the the country's top three independent distributors, will be merged with ICL's own third-party distribution operation to make it the largest personal computer and Unix distributor in Britain.

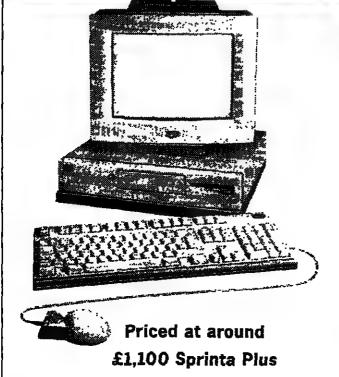
#### **Bunzl expands in US**

BUNZI., the paper and plastics group, has acquired the assets of Camelot, an American distributor of coarse paper and plastic products, for about \$8 million. Camelot, which had sales of \$36 million in the year to last October, is Bunzi's first significant acquisition since Anthony Habgood was appointed chief executive in August last year. Bunzi's cigarette filter business, Filmona, will produce special filters from a new factory in America in 1993.

#### AT&T extends venture

AT&T says it has expended its joint venture in Ukraine to include Germany's telephone company. AT&T formed the venture with the Ukrainan telephone ministry and PTT Telecom Netherlands the Dutch telephone system, in January. The venture aims to modernise the Ukrainian phone system. The sepanded venture would give AT&T and Deutsche Bundespiest Telekom equal shares of 19.5 per cent. The Dutch will have 10 per cent and Ukrainians 51 per cent.

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#### Reject Shop sees no sign of upturn

By MATTHEW BOND

ANTHONY Hawser and Anna Vinton, joint chairmen of Reject Shop, said yesterday that, apart from a small flurry of post-election euphoria, they had seen no evidence of the recession coming to an end.

Their comments came as the company reported pre-tax profits of £652,000 for the year to March 16, 14.5 per cent down on profits earned in 1990-1.

Net borrowings and gearing fell to £937,000 and 16 per cent respectively during the year which, together with a reduction in stocks, gave the company the confidence to pay an unchanged final dividend of 2.1 p to make a total of 3.15p (3.15p).

However, the joint chair-

However, the joint chairman gave warning that the company was likely to make a "considerable loss" in the first half of the current year because of a decline in furniture sales. Furniture sales contribution to overall sales fell from 42 per cent to 33 per cent.

The joint chairmen also announced that Clive Strowger will join the board as a non-executive director. The appointment of Mr Strowger comes nine months after he resigned as chief executive of Mountleigh, the property group, after a London Stock Exchange report criticising his conduct in the run-up to Mountleigh's £96 million



Vinton: warning of loss

#### US takes hard line over steel dispute

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday accused the American authorites, who are threatening to slap duties of up to 150 per cent on EC steel imports, of firing the first shot in what could become a multibillion dollar transatiantic trade war.

The looming dispute casts a pall over the British presidency of the EC, which could now find itself embroiled in immensely complicated trade negotiations with Washington. As well as steel there are running sores with America over trade in soya, corn gluten, beef hormones and public procurement contracts that, in

the absence of any new Gan world trade agreement, could produce a damaging spiral into protectionism.

Washington has already told Brussels it might impose duties on EC food and drink exports worth £1 billion because of Europe's protection of its oil seed farmers which effectively hits US soya.

For British Steel the dispute could not have come at a worse

The company said this week that it made a loss of £55 million last year, reflecting, among other factors, slow growth in the American market. If Washington does take action now, that market could all but disappear.

Yesterday, a commission spokesman said he "profoundly regretted" the American International Trade Commission's announcement that it might erect barriers against half the Community's annual exports of steel to America, which amount to 6.5 million tons valued at \$2.5 billion.

Furthermore, a senior commission official said the Americans had deliberately scuppered multilaseral steel negotiations in Geneva in March so that the path was clear for counterveiling and anti-dumping duties. "It's what you can call the first shot," he said.

After a complaint from 12 domestic steelmakers, the ITC now has 45 days in which to

decide whether to penalise European steel.

British Steel would certainly be affected; the American companies involved, including giants such as US Steel

and Bethlehem Steel, claim
British Steel is still benefiting
from subsidies it was given by
the Labour government in the
late sevenies.

EC steel exports account for
6 per cent of the American
market, and the flat steel
products that are the subject of

of per cent of the American market, and the flat steel products that are the subject of the American complaints, are valued at more than £800 million a year. So-called "voluntary restraint agreements" that were signed with America in the early eighties after similar wrangles, ran out in March.

#### **Graseby sells offshoot**

GRASEBY, the former Cambridge Electronics, is raising £500,000 through the sale of Graseby Ajax, a subsidiary engaged in the distribution of machine tools and accessories, to its management.

In the year to the end of December, Ajax earned profits of £35,000 before tax on sales of £5.37 million. However, there was an extraordinary charge of £348,000 against

the closure of its CNC machine tool division.

To assist with the development of Ajax's business, Graseby is subscribing at par for 500,000 non-voting redeemable preference shares of £1 each and is providing Ajax with new secured loan facilities of £400,000 for a maximum secured.

mum period of five years, of which £300,000 is being

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**BUSINESS NEWS** 

Top companies fail

the Cadbury test

# Sainsbury retires amid criticism on Sunday trading

By MARTIN WALLER

LORD Sainsbury chaired his last annual shareholders' meeting for the eponymous food retailer with news of a good start to the current year. despite the effects of the recession, and a defence of the

company's high margins. He was criticised, however. some his shareholders for the decision to open some stores on Sunday. They said Sainsbury lacked integrity and was disturbing the peace of people living near supermar-kets. One woman said: "We do have a serious violence problem in this country, and it's

A NEW study on the earnings

of executives in major com-panies has concluded that only

seven companies in the FT-SE

100 comply with the guide-

lines suggested last month by

the Cadbury committee's re-

port on corporate governance.
United Kingdom Board

Earnings, a report prepared

by Monks Partnership, the research group, said that while

the FT-SE 100 disclose the

existence of a remuneration.

committee, as recommended by the Cadbury report, only seven meet all the recom-

mended guidelines. These groups are British Gas, Tesco,

British Airways, Smithkline Beecham, Guinness, TSB

this in the annual report. Only

35 companies in the FT-SE

100 explained the incentive

payment, and only 12 set out

not right that big organisations should be seen to break the law in this way when small people are penalised." The chairman said that, according to Kenneth Clarke,

the home secretary, no business trading on Sundays was breaking the law because the House of Lords had decided the law-was not clear. Staff working on Sundays were volunteers, and Sunday trading had attracted more people than the company expected.

Lord Sainsbury in 1969
took up the chairmanship of
the business founded by his

the performance element in the chairman's, or the highest

paid director's, emoluments.

that Robert Bauman, chair-man of Smithkline Beecham,

received the highest remuner-

ation in its database. Mr

Bauman earned £1.8 million

in 1991 in basic salary and

incentive. Tiny Rowland, chairman and chief executive

of Lonrho, was second with a

total package of £1.6 million, while Lord Hanson came

third at £1.3 million.

The chief executive of Tesco took home £1.084 million of

which £478,000 was performance-related, and Sir Paul

Girolami, chairman of Glaxo,

earned £1.06 million made up

panies over directors's pay

might be avoided if they took

proper steps to show how pay

Monks Partnership found

great-grandparents in a small shop in Drury Lane, London. At that time J Sainsbury was in ninth place among the country's food retailers by profitability. In May of this year it overtook Marks and Spencer, the leader, when the group announced pre-tax profits before property adjust-ments 25 per cent higher at £632.2 million. He addressed the first annu-

al meeting as a public company in 1974. The share price. pany in 1974. The share price, adjusted for subsequent share issues, was 6p, against a price on the stock market last night of 466p, down 8p. The market capitalisation has grown from under £100 million to more than 18 billions. than £8 billion.

The company has a 10.5 per cent share of the supermarket trade and profit margins that the City sees as the envy of the industry. "I should point out that our return on capital, whilst very good, is not significantly different from that experienced by the most successful food retailers in other countries." But the trend towards larger stores and the latest electronics systems in-stalled in them has meant productivity per employee had risen by 19 per cent over the past decade, Lord Sainsbury

He dismissed claims that the growth of the largest food retailers had reduced compention. "The success and the growth of those retailers that offer the public the best value is a demonstration of competition working," Sainsbury said.

This year had started well with inflation lower than expected and sales volume slightly higher. Twenty-two supermarkets would open by next spring. Lord Sainsbury is succeeded as chairman and chief executive by David Sainsbury, the deputy chairman and his cousin.

Stock market, page 22



Out of the hot seat: Lord Sainsbury, defending high margins, said this year had started well and the Sunday trading law was not being broken

#### **Builders** 'must wait for 1994

will see no upturn until 1994. according to the latest forecast by the National Economic Development Council, better known as Neddy. However. housing construction is al-

Total work is expected to fall by 6.5 per cent this year and to bottom out in 1993, Neddy's construction industry sector group says. A "modest" 3 per cent upturn in 1994 will merely take construction activity back up to 1987 levels.

Neddy, the doomed talking shop for government, industry and unions, says the bottom of the trough for public and private housing construction came last year.

"While the recovery for public housing lies wholly with increased programmes by housing associations -25,000 on 1991 and 38.000 in 1993 — that of private housing is due to a rise in confidence of housebuilders."

per cent in 1994.

further 4 per cent in 1992, with only a marginal upturn next year. The report says: "Available statistics indicate that the construction of factories and ware-

prospects remain dull, with no upturn until a forecast rise of 2.5 per cent in 1994." Newly privatised utilities provide a glimmer of hope. They have increased construction this year and are forecast

to do so again in 1993.

# recovery'

BY RODNEY HOISON

THE construction industry ready over the worst, it says.

The decline has come main-

ly in the commercial sector, which dropped 17.5 per cent since 1990. That makes the total decline over the past three years 40 per cent, although activity is still above the 1986

Neddy sees housing output rising 8 per cent this year, 12 per cent next year and 14.5 Repairs and maintenance,

which suffered an "abrupt and steep decline" of 12 per cent in 1991, are forecast to fall by a

houses has inevitably been the victim of the downturn in the UK economy, and short-term

The construction industry

group intends to go out with a flurry before it is abolished by the government along with the rest of Neddy at the end of this year. A spokeswoman said a number of reports would be published before the end of eptember, when staff start to drift away. The last half-year

#### of £933,410 basic salary and Group and Glazo. The report also found that bonuses of £134,865. about 80 per cent of board directors were entitled to a Tony Vernon-Harcourt, Monks managing director, said: "We argue that much of the criticism levelled at combonus but only one company in five made any reference to

By Angela Mackay

Berisford sees better future

commodities group, yesterday reported an interim pre-tax loss of £400,000 compared with a profit of £3.5 million

previously. The group, which has undergone a major reorganisation and asset divestment programme since incurring large losses on its New York property portfolio two years ago, is still cutting costs and is likely to make further redundancies in its property division. An interim dividend has not been recommended.

John Sclater, the chairman. said Berisford was making "a complete reappraisal of the group's corporate overhead, including headcount, advisers' fees and office accommodation costs". He said: "We. are cautiously optimistic that

The main provisons for the

turn our attention increasingly

six months to end-March refer to Rayner Coffee International, a company in which Beristord owns a 45 per cent stake in association with management Extraordinary losses amounted to £45.3 million of which £40 million is accounted for by further provisioning for RCI. The unspecified level of losses that may be incurred could amount to a total of £115 million which represents

Alan Bowkett, the new chief executive, has led an intensive internal review and concluded that RCI may need more

#### obligations under the RCI to the future."

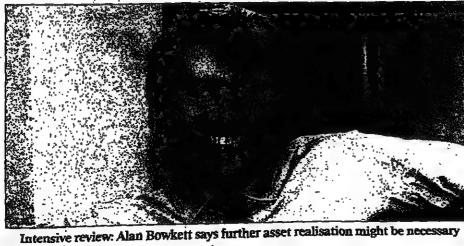
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reported a £58 million loss Berisford's guarantees in re-spect of RCI's bank borrow-

support from Berisford and

Two of Berisford's directors. Murray Stuart and Sir John Egan, who played important roles in the rehabilitation of the company, have an-nounced they will retire from the board at a suitable time, particularly now that the company has a new permanent chief executive in Mr Bowkett. After exceptional and extraordinary items. Berisford

compared with a £115 million loss previously. Turnover was £103.1 million compared with £549.8 million reflecting the scaling down of the business through asset sales. Shares ended In lower at 152p.



# British Gas signs deal with Kazakhstan

BY OUR CITY STAFF

AS IF BP did not have enough problems, British Gas has ) bulled off a coup and defeate at the British oil company, s still reeling from the depart are last week of Robert I dorton, its chairman, in a bid t o win a multi-billion dollar c ontract to buy oil and gas f rom Kazakhstan.

The former Soviet satellite a nd current lynch-pin of the C onfederation of Independ ent States has some of the by iggest undeveloped reserves of hydrocarbons in the world in its Karachaganak field. B ritish Gas, in conjunction w. ith Agip, the Italian state oil co anpany, was in a two horse ra ce with a consortium compr ising BP and Norway's Si atoil to take the product for estern European markets. The successful joint venture

has won the right to negotiate exclusively with the government of Kazakhstan. A full agreement with the Kazakh authorities is expected in summer next vear.

British Gas is initially putting in \$20 million, but followiing final agreement the total investment could exceed \$3 billion over the next decade, offset by revenue from increased production levels. The deal doubles British

Gas's worldwide reserves. Speaking from Alma Ata, the Kazakh capital, Howard Dalton, managing director of the exploration and production division, said: "Karachaganak represents substantial progress towards achieving our stated aims of creating a major international energy

"Development of the Karachaganak field would provide additional supplies into Europe for many years." The field is estimated to yield more than 20 trillion cu ft of gas, equal to Britain's total needs for more than a decade, and is four times the

size of the largest gas field in Britain. In addition, there are believed to be more than two billion barrels of liquids, oil and condensate, equivalent to the size of the Forties Field in the North Sea. At the estimated produc-

tion rate, Karachaganak will be in production for 70 years. The first gas will be piped into Western Europe by 1994. The field, discovered as recently as 1979, is already producing but at a very low level. The aim is to supply the gas through existing pipelines built by the Soviets to supplement supplies produced in the North Sea and elsewhere.

at a time when the market for gas is growing, particularly in Britain where it will be needed for many of the next generation of power stations, Robert Evans, the British Gas chairman, said British Gas and Agip had initiated a long-term involvement with Kazakhstan. This development is important not only for British Gas but also for our customers and suppliers in Britain and the European gas market

"It opens up significant job and export opportunites for

The deal is seen as an important overseas diversification for the company. because it opens the door leading to other gas-rich former Soviet republics. In yesterday's depressed stock market British Gas shares

#### WPP beefs up conversion terms on preference shares

By MATTHEW BOND

WPP, the advertising group that owns the Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter Thompson agencies, is to offer its unhapconvertible preference shareholders improved con-version terms in an effort to agree a permanent restructuring of its \$1 billion of debt. Final agreement on the

restructuring moved a step closer yesterday when the company announced that it had signed an agreement with its 28-member banking syndi-cate. Under the terms of the agreement, the banks will swap about £143 million (\$271.6 million) of debt into 239.5 million new convertible preferred shares, a deal which implies a price per new convertible preferred share of 60p. Each new conventible share would be convertible into one ordinary share. The existing ordinary shares closed

unchanged at 50p. But WPP has also won approval from its banks to make an improved offer to

holders of its existing convenible preference shareholders. who have been expressing growing unhappiness with the terms of the refinancing since it was announced in May. WPP must win over the holders of the existing 214 million convertible preference shares for the debi restructuring to go-ahead. Full details of the restructuring will be sent out in a circular to shareholders by

July 12. In an attempt to persuade them to approve the deal, WPP has raised the new conversion terms being offered to existing convertible shareholders from four times the original conversion terms to five times. The 8.25 per cent convertible preference shares jumped 3p to 34p in response to the new terms, which would see each existing convertible preference share convert into .75 ordinary shares.

Assuming the restructuring goes ahead on the basis of the revised plan, the banks would own 47 per cent of WPP's equity: existing conventible preference shareholders 32 per cent, while existing ordinary shareholders would end up with 12 per cent. The remaining 9 per cent would be owned under the terms of existing earn-out agreements. Under the original terms the banks would have owned over 50 per cent of WPP's equity.

County NatWest, which is acting for many of the institutions that hold convertible shares and which had recommended rejection of the original proposals, said it would be examining the latest proposals. National Westminster Bank, owner of County NatWest. owns 6.3 per cent of the convertible issue. Assuming the proposals win the approval of the existing

convertible preference share-holders, the banks will extend their existing facilities to the group for two years and provide up to \$150 million in new facilities for the same period.

#### Charter poised for upturn

By COLIN CAMPBELL

CHARTER Consolidated, the industrial group under the direction of Jeffrey Herbert, chief executive, says sellers of assets who previously were asking unrealistic prices for their companies are coming back to knock on Charter's

Charter said it was holding net cash balances of £122 million at March 31, and was soundly based and poised to benefit when stronger world economic conditions returned. "We are not natural holders of cash," Mr Herbert said, adding that only prospects

that would enhance earnings would be vigorously pursued. Pre-tax profits were £73.8 million (£77.5 million) after a year when lower interest rates clipped net interest received from £19.2 million to £14.6 million. The final dividend rises by 0.5p to 14.5p, making 21.5p (21p) for the year.

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June employment report, due today. The Dow Jones indus-

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a further directionless day narrowly mixed. The Dax

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Singapore — Prices closed higher in selective hargain-

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thin trading, almost obtivious to the strength in Tokyo. The all-ordinaries index drifted up

3 points to 1,647.7. (Reuter)

#### Oil output of Opec creeps up in June

OPEC crude oil output edged up in June to 23.7 million barrels per day (bpd), but no flagrant quota-busing was detected in a Reuter production survey published Wednesday.

The June tally compared with 23.54 million byd assessed for May. Restraint on supply by Opec has helped buoy crude oil prices larely, although sluggish petrol and heating fuel demand in Europe and America has made it hard for refiners to pass on the increase at the

The monthly Reuter survey seeks a best estimate of wellhead output by Opec based on information from official, inclustry and shipping sources and from oil analysts

Volume crept a shade high er in June from several of the 13 members, notably Kuwait. The "leaka.ge" over Opec's allowed output totalled about 500.000 b.nd. which analysts said was fairly restrained by Opec standards

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter, stayed close during June to its self-as-signed limit of eight million bpd, including production from the neutral zone shared with Kuwait. It was difficult, however, to be confident on Saucti volumes.

The Reuter survey opts pro-visionally for 6.1 million bpd, a figure also insisted on by sources in Saudi Arabia as an accurate tally of wellhead out-Dut. But other oil company estimates put the Saudis as high as 8.25 million bpd in both May and June.

#### STOCK MARKET

# Shares return to square one

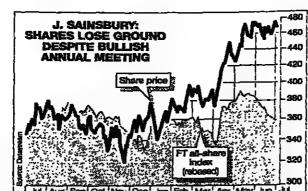
SHARE prices are now back to the levels at which they started the year and brokers are complaining that the outlook for the equity market remains gloomy with no sign of economic recovery. The FT-SE 100 index closed just above its low of the day with a fall of 27.3 points at 2,493.9 despite another firm start to dealings on Wall Street. Once again, business remained pitifully thin with only 446 million shares traded

The financial futures led prices lower with brokers like Salomon Brothers, County NatWest WoodMac and James Capel all thought to be selling the market. Analysis have been forced to down-grade their forecasts for the index and now say that the next resistance level will be 2,450. The index has now fallen by 243.9 points from its record which was achieved after the election result.

The absence of institutional support is forcing marketmakers to cut positions in various leading shares where they are already suffering size-

able losses. These include BP. 6p better at 209p, on American buying in the wake of Tuesday's meeting with analysts. ICI. 18p off at £11.88, Fisons, 2p firmer at 214p, and Kingfisher, 11p cheaper at 485p.

Sentiment was also affected by reports that banks had withdrawn their support for Isosceles, the debt-laden Gateway supermarket chain. The banks later denied the story, saying that the resched-uling of the £1.3 billion of borrowings was proceeding.



But it affected the other super-market chains with J Sainsbury falling 8p to 464p. This was in spite of a bullish speech to shareholders at the annual general meeting by Lord Sainsbury, the chair-man. He told them the year achieve a 4p rise to 249p. had started well and that the

Newly reconstructed Marling Industries, the industrial tex-tiles and safety products group, finished Ip lighter at 22p. Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, rates the shares as a buy under the new management team.

group was enjoying higher sales volume. Asda was another casualty, easing 2p to 29p before full-year figures on Monday that are expected to show a big loss but a maintained dividend. There are also worries about the success of the forthcoming flotation of MFI, in which the group has a sizeable stake. Tesco was weak, down 5p at 270p.

Hopes that Britain will press ahead with plans to build the European fighter aircraft abled British Aerospace to resist the downward trend and

Wellcome continued to lose round, falling another 15p to 864p amid continued nervousness about the proposed £3 billion share sale by the Wellcome Foundation. The Wellcome share price has now fallen from about the £1 I level since the sale was announced. It is unlikely that the institutions will make up their minds until the last minute on whether to tender and, if so, at what price and so the current weakness in the share price could work in their favour.

Wellcome had hoped to cheer sentiment yesterday with the news that the German regulatory authorities approved over the counter sales of Zovirax cream, used for the treatment of herpes and shingles.

GEC surged 8p to 233p on

dividend when many other leading companies are looking to reduce theirs.

Granada Group, the independent television broadcaster and leisure group, jumped 12p to 256p, helped by a near 50 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £57.2 million. The igures were at the top end of the range with computer services back in the black.

Midlands Electricity continued the dividend reporting season for the power distributors with pre-tax profits up from £109.7 million to £142.1 million and a rise in the dividend from 10.5p to 17.25p. The shares responded

with a rise of 11p to 337p.

There was also selective support for the other electricity distributors. There were gains for Eastern, 5p to 294p, East Midlands, 11p to 317p,

Austin Reed, the men's fashion retailer. was steady at 248p. County NatWest WoodMac has downgraded its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year. A cut in the interim dividend also seems to be on the cards.

Manweb, 9p to 376p, Northern, 11p to 358p, Norweb, 11p to 366p. Seeboard, 9p to 347p, Southern, 6p to 316p. South Wales, 5p to 377p, South West, 5p to 329p and Yorkshire, 8p to 379p. The electricity package jumped £85

The demand for the distributors failed to do much for the

lighter at 252p and National Power unchanged at 242p. although Scottish Hydro firmed lp. to 198p, as did Scottish Power, which closed at 183p.

Yesterday's sharp fall was not the best backdrop for those companies making their public debuts. But two did so and they both went to premiums on the opening prices Kenwood, the electrical appli-ances group, rose 2p to 287p, while the British Bio-technology Group, the pharmaceuti-cal research specialist, jumped 25p to 450p after making its debut in London and on Nasdaq, New York's over the counter market.

WPP, the debt-laden advertising agency, which includes Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter Thompson, clawed back an early fall to finish all-square at 50p after coming to an agreement with the banks. The banks have agreed to exchange the group's debt for 239.5 million new convertible preference shares in the company, valued at 60p each, in exchange for £143 million of debt. They have also agreed to provide new loan facilities worth £83 million over the

next two years. The bid speculation in the shares of Amber Day, the discount retailer, proved shortlived with the price dropping 9p to 41p after rival in Shops decided against making a bid for the group. In Shops, 6p better at 81p, confirmed on Monday that it was looking to

MICHAEL CLARK

# WORLD ...

#### Nikkei stages recovery

- The Nikkei index staged a late recovery and closed up 373.34 points, or 2.34 per cent, at 16,325.07. Turnover fell to about 200 million shares, compared with 219 million on Tuesday. Slightly easier short-term money rates and fresh hopes of a discount rate cut gave prices a boost in an otherwise dull market, although the thin volume exaggerated the jump. Masahiko Tsuyuzaki, of Tachibana Securities, said:

rates belped the bond market and also revived talk of another discount rate cut, possibly even ahead of the G7 summit The Group of Seven

"The small easing in money

industrialised countries will hold its annual summit in Munich from next Monday until next Wednesday. One foreign broker said: "This afternoon's raily was

basically dealer-driven, with

plenty of arbitrage buying and short-covering. On such thin volume, it's easy to sway the Bargain-hunting banks, construction shares and other issues also contributed to the late rally. The

Nikkei closed at its highest level since June 19, when it finished at 16,519.87. ☐ Hong Kong — Shares finished at another record, boosted by the expectations of an easing in local credit. The blue-chip Hang Seng index advanced 30.83 points to 6.134.75, surpassing the prévious record of 6,113, set on Friday. (Reuter)

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CITY fund managers have begun switching their attention away from the equity market and towards a buoyant gilts market.

Leading institutions believe their portfolios' are too heavily weighted towards equities

loomy. As a result, prices at the longer end of the market jumped £4 with Treasury 9 per cent, 2012 climbing 22 ticks to close at £361/32 in its partly paid form.

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The long dated gilt future

breached its higher resistance level to finish 16 ticks better at £9811/16 paving the way for the Bank of England to take advantage of the market's current strength to issue further tranches of long dated stock across the range.

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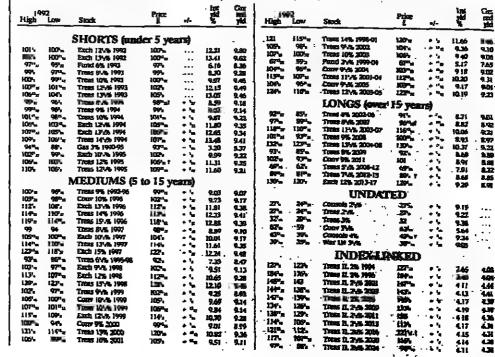
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# THE WORLD CLASS BUSINESS THAT MAKES SOUTH AFRICA TICK

In a year of world recession AAC maintained its equity accounted earnings at R2 607 million and increased its attributable earnings by 20 per cent to Ri 680 million. Set against the continuing weakness of international commodity prices and one of the longest recessions South Africa has ever experienced, this achievement is a testament to the Corporation's strength and diversity of

AAC, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, has grown from the first South African mining finance house into a diversified resources group of world class. Its aims, however, remain those defined by its founder, Sir Ernest Oppenheimer: to earn profits in such a way as to make a real and permanent contribution to the well being of the people and to the development of South Africa and the region. We have a part to play in creating and sustaining a prosperous, peaceful and democratic new South Africa.

The central political logic of South Africa remains negotiation. Businessmen familiar with the pattern of industry negotiations recognise the great progress that has already been achieved in the political arena and the underlying momentum to carry on the process.

Big companies have a contribution to make to South Africa's future that is beyond the reach of others. It is through big companies that a country promotes exports, earns foreign exchange and participates in the complex and forever changing network of human, financial and technological resources that characterise the global economy. AAC and its associates have built up from grass roots companies that today account for 18 percent of the capitalisation of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. AAC sees itself as a creative, developmental organisation, giving considerable autonomy to its operating divisions and companies in the pursuit of the focused diversity that gives strength and stability to the whole.

Mining initiated South Africa's industrialisation and, as successful mining groups were the first to accumulate skills and financial resources, they became the vehicle for investment in other industries. Even in these adverse times the Anglo American and De Beers Groups and associated companies are committed to capital expenditure of more than R15 billion on new and existing projects in South Africa - a sure expression of our faith in South Africa's future. Most of this will be spent on new shafts and sub-shafts on the gold mines, new capacity for the collieries. a major new diamond mine at Venetia and new or upgraded facilities in the steel, aluminium, paper and motor industries.

Projects include the multi-billion rand Columbus stainless steel joint venture, with the Gencor Group, which will become one of the largest in the world and the Moab deep level gold mine, which will cost RI.7 billion and is expected to produce 13 tonnes of gold a year, starting in 1997. ■ The Corporation and its associates also invest significantly abroad in order to be world class competitors with entree into new markets and technologies. A recent example was the acquisition of joint control of Frantschach AG, a leading European pulp and paper group. Made at no cost to South Africa's foreign exchange reserves, these investments contribute substantially to South Africa's foreign currency earnings, last year exceeding \$340 million in the case of the Anglo American and De Beers Groups and their shareholders.

■ The road to success requires an open economy with two-way trade, two-way investment and big, competitive and successful companies. There are no examples of winning countries which have distanced themselves and their leading companies from involvement in the global economy.

South Africa's big companies are the mechanism that makes its economy tick, interfere with the mechanism and the economy will run down,



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ANTERNAL PRINCIPLES

#### **BUSINESS COMMENT** 23

# Tougher controls needed at Lloyd's

esterday's meeting of the council which rules Lloyd's, the insurance market, will not have been a happy affair. Two top level reports into the governance of Lloyd's appear to have produced little to celebrate and a good deal which supports the barrage of crificism levelled at the council recently. Later today, Lloyd's will deliver its views on both reports considered yesterday. Ahead of the event, it would appear that only the lawyers, who seem assured of a steady stream of business from aggrieved names, can be happy.

Pressure groups of dissident names will take no comfort at all at the report from Sir David Walker, former chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, which found much to be improved but stopped well short of support for those who have been alleging that the market is rife with fraudulent practice in its treatment of outside names. In time, Sir David may well be proved correct. But in the face of crippling personal losses arising from their involvement in highly risky syndicates, many names will doubtless wish to test Sir David's general conclusions on alleged fraud in the courts.

Nor can the council be satisfied at Sir David's finding that the care and diligence of some market practitioners fell far short of best practice in dealing with names. There has been so much anecdotal evidence that names were inappropriately placed on syndicates with exceptionally high degress of risk that Sir David's findings will come as little surprise. The council's reputation and, indeed, its credibility as both administrator and regulator suffer as a result. A respected outsider's opinion should not have been necessary to confirm that some members' agents have behaved in a manner verging on incompetence. Indeed, the second report, from Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, may well conclude that the market is in need of arm's length regulation by an outside body independent of the ruling council. The lawyers may well continue to prosper. But in the meantime, the council should accept that further reform is essential and make a determined start.

#### Not up to the mark

n fine verbal sparring ahead of next week's Group of Seven summit in Munich, James Baker, the American secretary of state, yesterday trotted out the demand that America wants leaders to send a "pro-growth message" to reinforce recovery. Sounds familiar. And the nasty drop for June, reported yesterday by the National Association of Purchasing Management, suggests that America needs something to secure robust recovery. President Bush's appeal for yet lower American interest rates was unhelpful, only undermining the dollar.

The Bush administration has preached more growth and less focus on beating inflation since last spring. Germany has been submitted to special abuse for keeping its interest rates high. By now, but probably too late for President Bush in the American electoral cycle, it must have dawned on Washington. that Germany is not only determined to resist calls for monetary easing, but can host next week's G-7 summit with real growth of 2 per cent-plus this year.

Theo Waigei, the German-finance minister, displayed his dry humour, tinged with arrogance, when, untypically, he inserted a few words of English into his comments yesterday. "The world can trust us" as a dependable partner for growth and stability. His phrase brought to mind the "in God we trust" motto from the dollar. Economic salvation, it seems, lies either in heaven or the Rhineland.

# Privatisation would provide EFA with its strongest thrust

Wolfgang Munchau and Ross Tieman

consider the options for

the EFA after

Germany's withdrawal from the defence project

ermany's attempts to shoot down the European Fighter Aircraft will have profound implications for the defence industry and the way such projects will be handled in the future. If the British defence ministry is to be believed, nothing much has changed and the EFA will still be built. The trouble is only that the British defence ministry is not necessarily to be believed.

Instead, the confusion into which the Germans have thrown the project, leaves Europe with five options. All these share a common foundation: Germany refuses to commit further public funds to the project, Malcolm Rilkind, the defence secretary, will try to persuade Italy and Spain not to listen to the Germans and to stick with the EFA, and Volker Rühe, his German counterpart, will try to persuade the other three governments to dump EFA and develop a low-cost alternative instead.

Here is what may happen:

Privatisation. The most innovative and imaginative solution would be to hand over the project, now led advance by the taxpayer, to the private sector, which would take on some of the project's risks. This rather radical idea does not stem from the Treasury or even from a right-wing economic think-tank but from the industry itself. Privatisation would save the tempayer further expense, which was Germany's intention in withdrawing. This solution might be welcomed by the Treasury, which appears to share some of Germany's

This option might find favour with the General Electric Company, whose GEC-Marconi subsidiary is one of the principal EFA contractors. GEC may even take the lead in such a dare-devil venture. If the gambit pays off, the German withdrawal may prove to be a blessing in disguise for the British defence industry. Privatisation does not need to be total, in the sense that the government's role would be limited to that of a purchaser only. The government may wish to participate to some degree in the development of the project. It could provide a minimum committing itself to a firm number of orders from the outset, with options for further warplanes, along the lines in which business is conducted in the commercial aircraft business. The commercial risk would still to be too large for any individual company to carry. Privatisation would necessitate large-scale co-operation between European manufacturers. Privatisation



Slip stream: the future of the European Fighter Aircraft is more uncertain after Germany's withdrawal

raises a number of questions. Would the industry come up with sufficient capital to take on the risks of such a massive project? Would the industry not demand carte blanche for exports in return for taking on the risk? And, most crucially, what would happen if a government changed its mind on a previous purchase commitment? Nor is it far from clear whether total privatisation of the project would allow better cost controls. The industry, however, is adamant that cost savings are available, if the free market takes a greater share in the management of the project.

If this idea is feasible and if the taxpayer saves money, then the option must be considered a serious one. In the absence of such an original private-sector solution, thoughts return to what one may

Mr Rifkind wins. Italy and Spain accept Britain's position, ignore Herr Rühe and continue to develop and produce EFA without Germany's help. The German government could then develop its own low-budget fighter plane, or resort to foreign imports. It might buy the French Rafale or the single-engined Swedish Gripen JAS-39, or even the Russian MiG-29. Since Germany spends such vast amounts on aid to Russia, it might as well allow two-way traffic

and buy Russian aircraft. For the British defence industry, this would amount to the bestpossible scenario, other than privatisation, because this would not only save EFA but might also increase the amount of EFA-related work and the number of jobs in Britain. The current work-share agreement, under which Germany and Britain have a 33 per cent share, would have to be renegotiated in favour of Britain. Britain would also have a greater share of the technology.

f EFA proves to be an export success, as British defence industry insiders believe it will be, then Britain should be entitled to a greater proportion of export profits. For the British public, this would amount to a small, but probably manageable rise in the cost of the project. The Treasury, though, may still object.

Herr Rühe wins. All, including

the British, jump on the Ruhe bandwagon, stop EFA's development phase and redirect efforts and funds towards investigating and develop-ing a low-specification alternative. For British jobs, this is the secondworst scenario. The production phase, originally scheduled to start next year, would be put off for at least another three years. Many jobs would be lost in the meantime. Matters might be worse if the "lowbudget" alternative works out to be more expensive than EFA, as defence industry representatives claim. Their claims are based on calculations that the EFA is the best value-for-money fighter plane in the world. The American F22, the only plane to outscore the EFA on technical grounds, is 60 per cent more expensive. The French Rafale is lighter and has lower specification, and yet it is still marginally more expensive. The conclusion in this scenario is that we may be paying more money for less

A draw. The consortium splits down one of four possible lines; Germany pursues the low-budget option, while Britain remains faithful to the EFA. Spain and Italy could choose between joining Britain or Germany. For Britain, this means possibly higher rewards, but certainly higher risks and costs. The case of

total German isolation is the same as in the first option. But if Germany is joined by at least one of its partners. perhaps Spain, the economics of the EFA would become even more dubious than it already is. With the loss of each successive partner, the costs rise disproportionately. First estimates suggested that the German withdrawal would imply a 7 per cent rise in costs for Britain. If Spain also pulled out, costs would rise 12 per cent. If Italy joins them, and Britain is left alone, costs would rise by 20 per cent. Figures such as these should not be taken literally, however precise they may appear. They only ever serve the purpose of illustrating a point. The worst outcome of the third option, from the defence industry's point of view, would be for the British government to conclude that the EFA is no longer affordable, and that there is no choice but to join the "light"

brigade.

The worst-case scenario. Germany pulls out of EFA but fails to persuade any of its partners to develop an alternative. Italy and Spain, whose governments are strapped for cash, also pull out Britain, left on its own, decides it cannot afford the project, and also

veryone imports French, Swedish, Russian or Ameri-can fighter planes. Up to 100,000 jobs in the European defence industry would go. Companies and the government would be reluctant to enter into any further European defence collaborations after such a disaster with the EFA. In the long run, the European defence industry will suffer the same fate as the British coal and steel industries. It will shrink to a sustainable level of profitability, at which point the industry is so small that it hardly matters. Some would argue that this is not the worst but the best

Whichever of these options wins the day, it will meet severe resistence on the way. Despite the forceful and loyal protestations from the defence ministry, it is by no means certain that Britain will not emulate Germany's apparent return to thrift. The British budget deficit is outside the range agreed at Maastricht, and shows no signs of narrowing. To cut the losses now would amount to an instant saving in one of the few areas where governments can realistically make savings without attracting too much public criticism, except, of course, from those who are directly affected by the cuts.

This would leave the privatisation of EFA as the most attractive option. a path that would also force the British industry to achieve the kind of cost savings necessary to improve its international competitiveness. It would also open the way for governments to set out their defence requirements, leaving industry to provide the most cost-effective solution. In the end, the German withdrawal from the project could prove a blessing in disguise for the European taxpayer and the industry

#### Heart-veld enthusiasm

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AFTER auditioning 16 public relations companies, Kerzner, the controversial South African millionnaire. has selected Maureen Smith's firm. The Communication Group, to handle the UK publicity for his £150 million South African theme park, the Lost City, due to open in December. Kerzner, said to combine "the chutzpah of a Donald Trump with the imagination of Walt Disney". tends to inspire either love or hate among those he meets, but Smith says the assignment, worth a six-figure sum, is "one of the most unusual and exciting" that has come her way. She insists she is not put off by recent events in South Africa. "I was there last year and I'd already booked a holiday in Cape Town before I got this account." she says.
"Obviously, people are going
to be affected by the problems there, but all my feed-back is that South Africa is the next great holiday destination."

#### Mining a daim

LLOYD'S, members may be upset at time-bomb absestos scares that pile up over the years but they can at least take heart from the fact that Lloyd's did not insure Stora, the Swedish forestry giant and the world's oldest company, which has just settled a pollution claim going back 1,000 years. Stora was taken to task by en-vironmentalists in Sweden over pollution of the Dal river by its Falu mine, which has been in continuous operation since before the year 1000. There has been much legal dispute over how far back



Kerzner: chutzpah

Stora can be said to bear responsibility for the damage, but according to a spokesman in Sweden yesterday, the company has got off lightly. "Our company came into being in the 12th century so our responsibility can only go back 700 years," he said. Luckily for Store the seat of the clean for Stora, the cost of the clean-up campaign looks reasonably modest - a total of £6 million. over 15 years. Perhaps Lloyd's should have offered to underwrite it after all.

"It's always difficult making predictions, especially about the future." Sir Charles Pow-ell, former foreign policy ad-viser to Lady Thatcher, yesterday morning on Radio
4's Today programme.

Pore law WITH some dealing room temperatures rising to more than 90°F this week, traders feeling the heat may be interested to learn that they have a legal right to demand that temperatures at work do not exceed 19°C - around 66°F. The little-known 1980 statutory regulation was recently re-discovered by Simon-Hughes

MP. Liberal Democrat environment spokesman, who tabled a Commons question asking Michael Howard, environment secretary, how many prosecutions had been brought under the law. It transpires that no prosecutions have ever been made but Andy Harrison, Hughes's researcher, says that need not stop perspiring dealers from taking action now. Unfortunately, Harrison is one of the few who cannot avail himself of the law. Working conditions in the House of Commons, he says, are like "armpit city" but the House, being a palace, has Crown immunity from the usual health and safety

#### The Lars laugh

LARS Bertmar, chairman of Carnegie International, the UK securities arm of Sweden's second biggest bank, yester day confirmed that Mike Ketley, managing director, has this week resigned and that Carnegie has axed its entire 20-strong mark research and sales team which covered Germany. The Netherlands. Austria and Belgium. Swedish-born Bertmar, 46, who took over at Carnegie a year ago and immediately sacked the two existing managing directors, will now assume the role of managing director himself. Carnegie yesterday lost its third-place rating in Scandinavian shares in Extel's new survey, but Mark Giacopazzi and his team emerged as number one in Spanish stocks. Bertmar says the aim is "to specialise in areas of excellence like

Scandinavia and the southern

#### Right to interest on overdue debt is not the way to deal with late payers

CBI Smaller Firms Council Sir, John Good suggests that the CBI should abandon its Code of Prompt Payment Practice in favour of legislation for a statutory right to interest on overdue debts (Letters, June 26).
Mr Good is probably un-

From the vice-chairman.

aware of the success already achieved by the code since it was launched in February this year. More than 400 organisations, representing a far larger number of companies through their subsidiaries, have already pledged support for the principles set out in the code and the number is in-

creasing daily.

The code has clearly raised awareness among both cus-tomers and suppliers of the importance of prompt pay-ment but the CBI has always recognised that this alone will not solve the problem of late

payment. Indeed, we are tackling the issue from a number of angles investigating court procedures, planning a series of seminars on financial man-agement, continuing to publish the names of those signing the code. The confederation

has considered thoroughly the possibility of a statutory right to interest, but the majority view of members has consistently opposed it on the grounds that: Legislation in this area

could be seen as interference in the commercial affairs of contracting parties;
It would not shift the bal-

ance of negotiating strength between large and small companies and large companies might well insist on extending payment terms to avoid the need to pay interest: It is already possible for any business to include an "inter-

est" clause in its terms of trade. but the problem of collection remains the same whether the interest due arises from a statutory or contractual right. The CBI is fully aware of the severity of late payment, but believes that its code of practice can make a more signifi-

cant contribution to the

problem than any statutory

Yours faithfully. TOM O'CONNOR. Vice-chairman. CBI Smaller Firms Council, Centre Point.

103 Oxford Street, WC1.

right to interest.

#### Shareholders have right to ask questions

From Mr G. C. Newman Sir, A shareholder of North West Water Group plc who wishes to attend the annual meeting on July 22 may do so.
If, however, he wishes to ask a question, his troubles have

surely just begun. Firstly he must go to a "Question Point"[]) to give "details" of his question to the "Question Point Manager"(!). He must then sit in a "designated area" until summoned to the "Ouestion Point", when he may actually ask his question! Thereafter he must await the DEBRA ISAAC | "response" before returning to

his seat. In short, a shareholder who dares to ask a question is to be treated like a supplicant at the bar of a tribunal.

The North West Water Group plc needs to be made aware that, at its annual meeting, any shareholder may, without notice, from the body of the hall, address any question he wishes to the chairman of the meeting, who is paid to answer! Yours faithfully, G. C. NEWMAN, 8 Sandalwood Avenue,

Did you read the letter from the ramblers' society?

have to go a long way to find

conqueror



How does your old GTi square up to the new Mazda MX-3? Doesn't it now seem exactly that? A bit square?

Does its practical interior now seem boxy? It does when you compare it to the immaculate

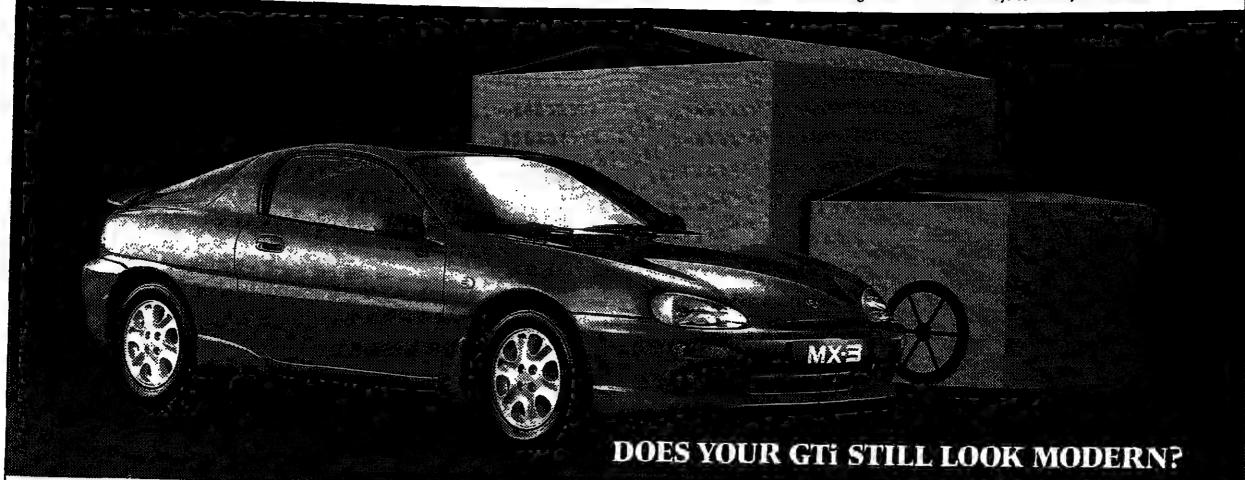
But it hardly matters, for as everyone knows, the GTi has legendary acceleration.

Or is it just raucous?

It certainly is alongside the MX-3, the only car in the world with a V6 1.8 litre engine.

corners for extra stability. Together with all round independent suspension, it makes "almost magical" seem a pretty poor show.

And finally, Reliability. On that score you can always count on your old GTi.



ergonomics of the MX-3. With its surprising space for two rear seat passengers, not to mention their luggage.

Does your old GTi offer ABS, power steering and a catalytic converter? Does it treat electric windows, door mirrors and sunroof as necessities?

Nope. (The MX-3 has all this, and more.)

A smooth, fuel injected, 24 valve motor that equals the GTi's acceleration figures with a fraction of the fluster.

Does your old GTi still have that almost magical road holding? Yes, of course it does. But look at the MX-3's low, road clutching profile. Its wider chassis, with wheels placed deep into the

Alternatively, count the noughts on Mazda's 3 year 60,000 mile warranty.

For the lowdown on both the 1.8 litre and the 1.6 litre automatic, call us on 081 879 7777. We'll also tell you the name of your nearest dealer.

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# How Mazda made their cars go faster:

OT ONLY are Mazda building excitement, they're rapidly building sales in their niche market. A process they've accelerated by substantial investment in newspaper advertising. Mazda's confidence in the press medium (last year's spend was over £4 million) is matched by reader's confidence in Mazda's product. 88% of MX-3s were sold within three months. Proof positive that, when it comes to performance, newspapers are in pole position.



**BUSINESS NEWS** 

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garden and watch your house

increase in value. On the stock

exchange, hear markets seemed almost consigned to

history, so long was it since the last significant downturn.

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income to spend on the boom-time high streets of Britain's

towns and cities. The result

was the gamut of share tip

sheets, dubious time-share de-

velopments and investment

salesmen of various shades of

respectability that we now

Things were also looking

good at Lloyd's. Business and

profits were healthy and, as

with the stock market, losses

just a distant memory. There were snags, however. One was

the mess to be cleared up after

scandals earlier in the decade:

another was the rising tide of

pollution and asbestosis losses flowing from America's courts.

This problem almost exclu-sively affected syndicates that

had written policies with "long

tails", on which it was possible

for claims to be made years, or even decades, later. The result

was that it became regarded in the market as safer to write

short-tail business, where,

once a stated period of cover had passed, the policy was

excess of loss reinsurance.

This, in its simplest form.

occurs when one syndicate reinsures the policies of

share of the premium. Unlike

some other forms of reinsurger point were covered. In

most cases, the bulk of this

exposure was then passed on

to other excess-of-loss

London market excess of

loss (LMX) became an accept-

ed and mainstream feature of Lloyd's, with almost all nonmarine and some marine

syndicates writing LMX poli-cies to compensate for falling

rates in their mainstream busi

ness. A few underwriters went further and specialised in ex-

cess of loss, achieving impressive returns in the process.

Some of these syndicates grew very fast indeed. Gooda Walk-

er syndicate 290, one of the biggest loss makers in 1988, ballooned from an underwrit-

ing capacity of £6.2 million in

1982 to £69.4 million by

1989. These syndicates suc-

ceeded in attracting a disproportionate number of new,

and often under-capitalised, names joining the market. How they were able to do so

lies at the heart of the current

crisis at Lime Street. The hard-line Lloyd's view is

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short tails and high

premium rates was

associate with that era.

There was also a good living

# Lloyd's struggles to free itself from a spiral of catastrophes

dress at the general meeting of Lloyd's names last month, he described the market's current problems as "one of the darker chapters in the long history of our society". He can hardly be accused of exaggeration, given the column miles of adverse, damaging publicity generated by the heavy losses the market has suffered and their impact

Yet, in historical terms, the 62 billion loss for 1989 Mr Coleridge announced is broadly comparable with those recorded at previous low points in the insurance underwriting cycle. Spread across the market, the loss works out at about £61,000 a head, only £2,000 more, in 1991 money. than the loss for 1965, the preceding low point in the cycle. After that year, insurance rates were increased sharply and by the end of the 1960s, Lloyd's was on the brink of a prosperous decade. This time around, the cycle, though no deeper, has hit some names infinitely harder.

The reasons are not difficult to identify. First, the membership is far less financially resilient than in the 1960s. when I loyd's still boasted a small, socially exclusive and extremely wealthy member-ship, much of which had been underwriting for many years. By 1989, the membership included many names who came to Lloyd's during the market's disastrous dash for growth of the mid-1980s. That was a period when all financial markets boomed simultaneously, creating a spiral of asset growth in which huge financial returns in one market were used to fuel another. Soaring property prices, for instance, brought the £100,000 asset requirement for membership within reach

Second, and more importantly, the losses were skewed towards a small minority of names. A mere five syndicates accounted for more than a third of the total loss, almost £700 million. It is difficult to assess how many names were another, or of an insurance company outside the Lloyd's market, in exchange for a placed on those syndicates, hree managed by Goods Walker and two by Februm. because many names are on more than one. However, it is greatly in excess of 4,000. For these unlucky victims, no amount of statistical analysis, comparisons with 1965, or sage advice about "trading through" the losses will be any compensation. True, none of the affected names has yet been spotted in a cardboard box on the Strand. Nevertheless, the worst cases, in which ordinary retired people have seen the entire schievement of their lives wiped out by events they do not fully understand,

deserve sympathy.
It was such stories of hardship, combined with a highly effective lobbying campaign, that in February led Lloyd's to appoint Sir David Walker to head a committee of enquiry into the losses of the most disastrous syndicates. His report, due to be presented to the Council of Lloyd's roday, is one of the most important in the history of Lloyd's. The pressure to introduce external regulation of Lloyd's has never been greater and Sir David's report could tip the balance. Even if the individuals con-

Today, Sir David Walker presents his report on how a minority of the insurance market's outside names came to be saddled with a loss of £700 million, Jonathan Prvnn describes the background

cerned are cleared of malpracthat the names demanded that their members agents place them on the specialist LMX tice, Lloyd's is likely to take steps to prevent such results syndicates because of their To understand the chain of history of high returns. These events that led to the effective names were advised that such bankruptcy of hundreds if not syndicates also carried a high thousands of investors, it is degree of risk, because of the essential to recall the Zeitgeist nature of their underwriting. of the years leading up to the disasters. Money was easy, so and that sooner or later they would sustain a substantial easy that all you had to do to loss, as happened with the

> hetween 1988 and 1991. There is another version. This is that some members' agents packed their new can-non fodder names on to far more LMX syndicates than was suitable, even when names had explicitly requested a spread of low-risk syndicates. This allowed the syndicates to grow quickly to soak up the lucrative business coming their way and rake off gener-one saluries and commissions in the process. Worse, Lloyd's brokers sliced off fat brokerage nmissions at the expense of

string of catastrophe losses

the names as the catastrophe risks being reinsured were passed around the market the so-called LMX spiral. Some of the names' protes

tations, made with the benefit of hindsight after losses had become apparent, must be open to doubt. However, too many accounts tally for there attempt at rewriting history.

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true account of math of the LMX spiral affair will dog Lloyd's for years to come. Even on a best-case view, underwriters on the synwere guilty of providing inadequate reinsurance protection for their names, many of whom claim they were told they did not need personal stop-loss policies because of the low-risk nature of their underwriting. The run of catastro-

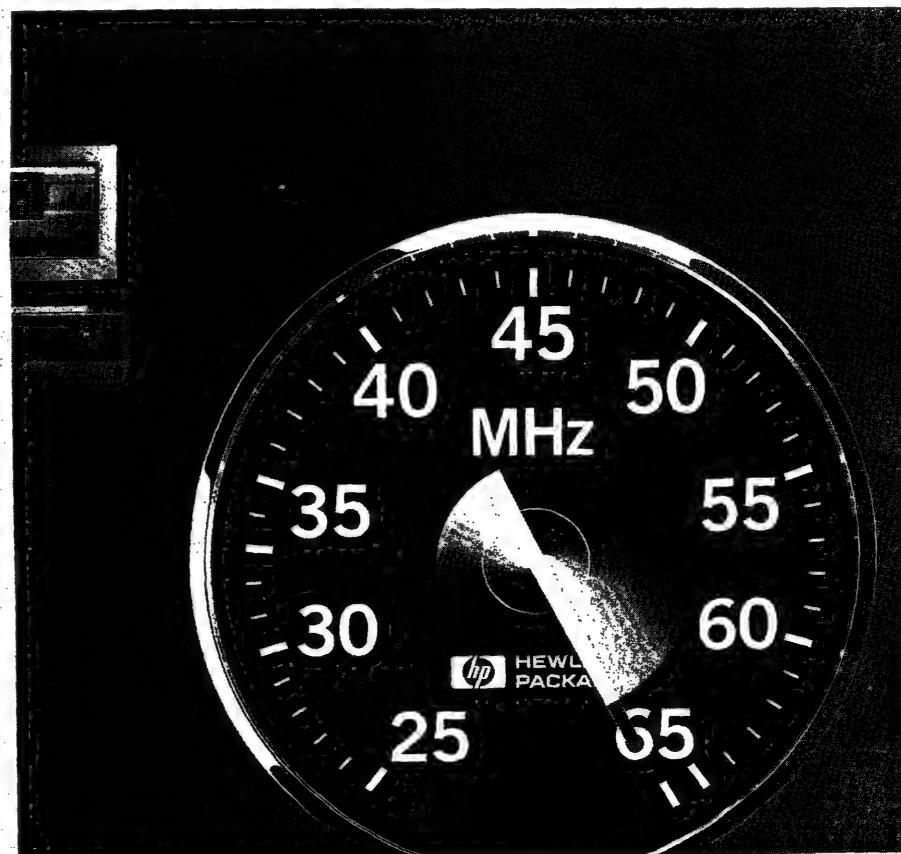
was unusual but the worst-case outcome should surely have been covered. Other LMX underwriters got their protection programmes right and even recorded profits in the year of the Piper Alpha explosion. On this best-case view, Lloyd's must clearly prevent such an unstable underwriting structure developing again. As Mr Coleridge hinted last week, it might have to give itself powers to step in where underwriters appear to be exposing their names to excessive losses. But Sir David Walker also considered darker possibilites: that gullible outside names were knowingly placed on poor quality syndicates to provide reinsurance protection for the insider syndicates and that brokers conned names by recycling premium merely to generate rokerage.

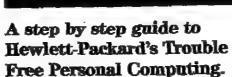
So far, evidence produced in support of these claims has been circumstantial. The nagging fear remains, however, that a handful of rotten apples remained to spoil the crop when Lloyd's cleaned out its barrel after the scandals of a decade ago.



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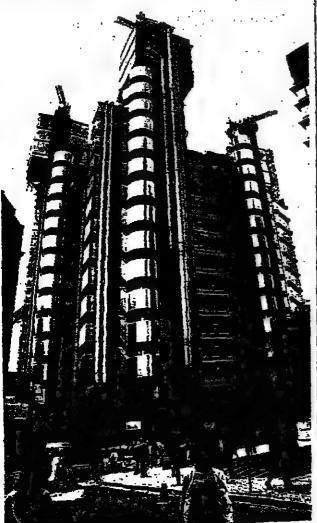
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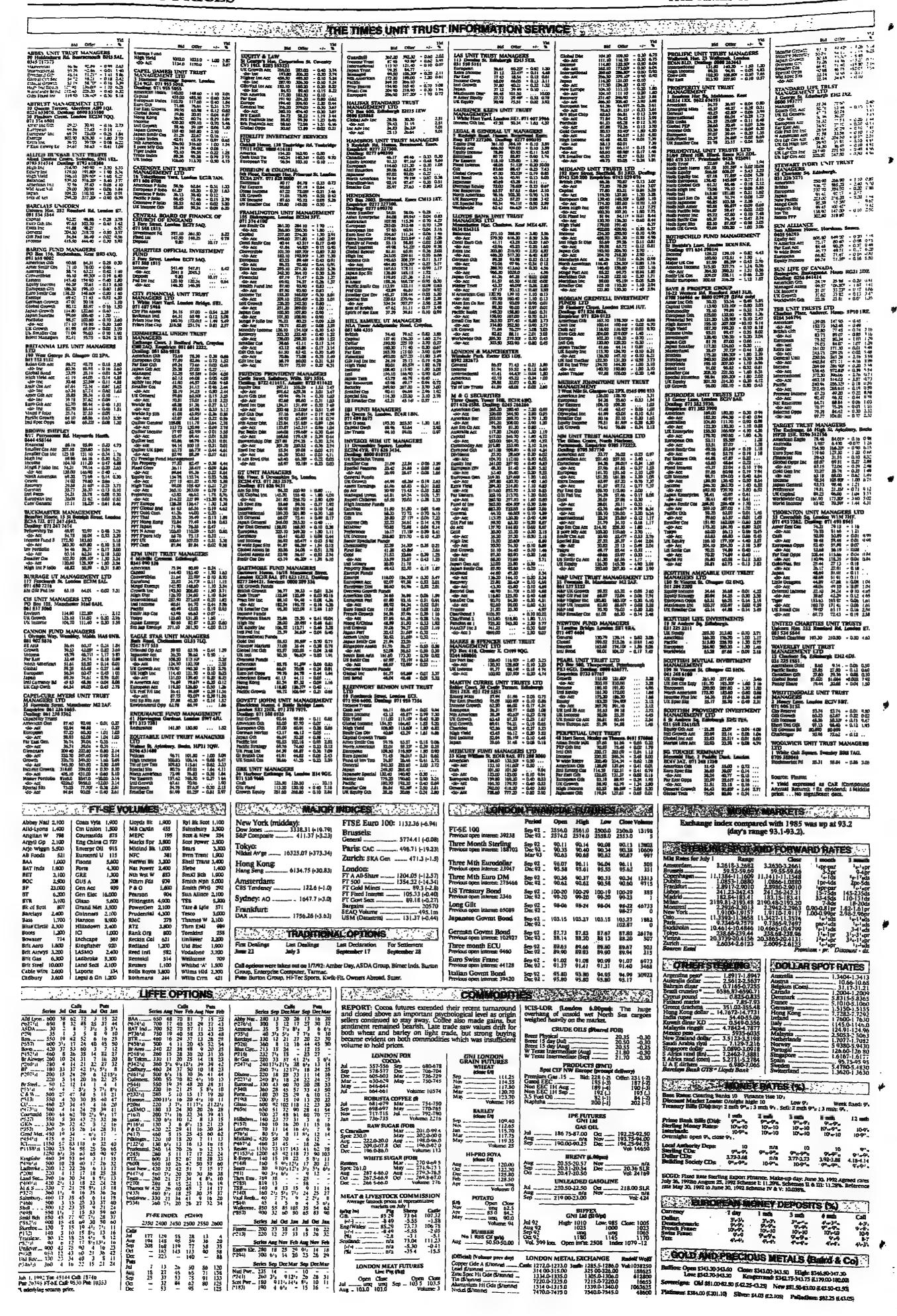
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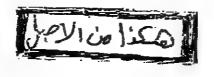
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Ian Plaistowe outlines what he sees as the future for accountancy

# Why self-regulation is the only answer for the profession

ou would have had to have been both deaf and blind over the last 18 months to fail to notice self-regulation and the voluntary approach have had a bad press: Lloyd's of London, Maxwell and the pensions, my own profession. Even the press has had a bad press as people have questioned whether self-regulation is adequate to curb excesses of prunence over the monarchy. Despite this background of criticism and scepticism, the Cadbury Committee on Corporate Governance has come out firmly in favour of selfregulation. It is worth asking why that committee placed its faith in self-regulation. But first, why do we regulate

at all? To economic liberals, regulation constrains commercial decisions and complicates business. Regulation costs money, which in the end must be reflected in the price of goods and services. But this is too purist a view, if not erroneous. Regulation is necessary for a range of social and economic purposes, particularly to mitigate the worst effects of market forces. Nobody would seriously question reg-ulation for health, safety and environmental protection reasons. Regulation through compension law promotes economic efficiency by curbing monopoly power. The success of my profession has been built on regulation of clients via company law, audit requirement and the tax system.

So if regulation brings both constraints and benefits, how can we balance those costs and benefits? Essentially, we have to judge when incremental benefits are no longer matching escalating costs. As a nation we have not always been good at that. A feeling still exists that there must be an individual or a committee of the great and the good to protect us from greed, folly and ignorance. But in a dynamic economy there can be no rewards without risks and no system of regulation will stop the determined fraudster. If we tried to design one, the costs would be cosmic

about any system of regulation and focus on developing one which is effective without being excessively disruptive or exorbitantly costly. It is against criteria such as these that selfregulation looks the best op-



Fighting on: lan Plaistowe is determined to ensure that his views hold sway

tion. Critics of the present system argue professional institutes are in practice no more than trade unions, protecting the self-interest of members. So, it is argued, some form of statutory regulation would provide genuine safeguards of the public interest. But certain qualifications need to be made regarding statutory regulation. First, it is a mistake to

assume all profes-sions are alike, or indeed that individhomogeneous. It make good sense to for the regulation of

the medical profession which are different from those for lawyers. Equally, within a profession, it may not be necessary to submit all members to the same regulatory regime, as the Financial Services Act recognises.

State regulation also raises fundamental issues about the expertise legitimacy and credibility of those running it. whether as civil servants or lay representatives. In the latter case experience elsewhere sugmay not be the most appropriate. Experience also suggests state bodies place a premium on avoiding criticism rather than taking prompt and decisive action. Moreover, external regulation does not encourage

economy of administration. Scandals are bound to occur and every apparent short-coming of the stantory regulator will be met by the cry "Provide more power, more rules and more money". Public expectations will be raised which cannot be fulfilled. Above all, statutory regula-

tion will lead to a greater the system demonstrated. concern with the letter rather 'In a dynamic economy there can

be no rewards without risks and no system of regulation will stop the determined fraudster

than the spirit of the law. In short, the regulator is "them", the regulated "us". To quote Neil Hamilton, corporate affairs minister, talking of Cad-bury: The principles on which the voluntary code is based - openness, integrity and accountability — are par-ticularly difficult to capture through a statutory code. In addition, statute law inevitably tends to be backward-looking and sets in tablets of stone the minister's philosophy applies as much to the professions as to corporate governance.

If statutory regulation has big drawbacks, what about self-regulation? To an extent, the strengths of self-regulation

are the obverse of the weaknesses of state regulation. The big benefits lie in its flexibility, sensitivity, practitioner com-

mitment, legitimacy and econ-

omy. But with the system

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professions must be accountable to government. In this way, the accountancy profession became directly accountable to the trade secretary for the licensing of members to act as insolvency practitioners and through S1B for investment business. And the Companies Act 1989 placed on the profession responsibilities for the regulation of members and firms providing company audits. Both government and the jointly that in certain areas of the public interest, the traditional system of professional regulation in isolation is not sufficient. Outside these three

statutory areas, the self-regula-

tory system persists in some-

thing close to its original form. with the profession setting education standards, formulating ethical guidance and imposing discipline.

The basic allegation against the profession is that it cannot both represent members and regulate them. I refute that allegation. As an institute we see our primary role as being to serve the public interest. But we also believe firmly that in the long term our members' interests converge with the public interest. Moreover, by involving in our self-regula-tory procedures individuals are of the highest quality and who are independent of the profession and by conducting our affairs in an open manner lam confident we can ensure effective regulation. The accountancy profession

can be proud of the reforms initiated in the past two years. These include formation of the Financial Reporting Council and its agencies, as cornerstones for better financial reporting and establishment of the Auditing Practices Board. with more resources, independent members and streamlined procedures, to raise the level of debate on what an audit is or can do, and provide the profession with the best way forward to tackle the expectation gap. Also, the new system of audit regulation will raise auditing standards. The institute is committed to making audit regulation work; we will find the resources to do so and will not duck any hard decisions along the way. We have also introduced significant changes to the institute's disciplinary arrangements to ensure they are firm, fast and fair. Lastly, institute commitment to great openness will

strengthen the credibility of our regulatory processes. I am a self-regulation enthusiast - it gives the most effective basis for regulatory activity and underpins the ethos of our profession. If we are not regulating our own affairs in the public interest we might as well be a business, not a profession. That is not the future I want. I intend to fight to ensure that, as a profession, we

The author is president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. This article is taken from his speech to the ICAEW annual conference on June 25.

#### No jokes please, we're accountants

THIS year's armual conference of the English Institute of Chartered Accountants was, by all accounts, the smallest on record.

Yet it had one of the best line-ups of speakers and a coherent and timely theme. The institute wonders why no one comes and is apparently thinking of cutting the size and scope of the conference still further on the rather strange logic that this will somehow make the event even more attractive for

What it, and to judge by some of the speeches this year, many people in the large accounting firms also do not understand is that putting a premium on appearing to be very, very serious at all times tends to lead to dwindling rather than growing support for

the conference. Ten years ago the large firms used to run rival parties on the periphery of the conference

as marketing ploys. The institute thought that this was a rather too blatant commercial activity and told them that such events were no longer welcome.

The result was that, by and large, the large firms deserted the conference and a large chunk of revenue then vanished overnight. A group of members used to produce a somewhat impromptu revue satirising the

evenings to balance the serious issues of the day. But when the institute decided that formal debates were the way to pack in the crowds it also decided that disorganised frivolity in the

events during the conference.

It provoked much fun in the

evenings was out. The relevant members were told that their efforts were no longer welcome. And so another group of people ceased coming. And the debates were a flop anyway. The importance of linking serious endeavour with relaxation vanishes along with the delegates. So

the event becomes ever more relentlessly serious. And still no one comes. The only people attending are members of the institute secretariat, the speakers, the press, associated dignataries from other accounting bodies and a smattering of hardy souls who have made a

The same problem is reflected in the speeches. Brandon Gough, the chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, produced a remarkable thesis on "corporate governance and the

This was full of the right Jargon and followed the Coopers' line of steadily expanding the potential users of the audit product until some day soon we will discover small schoolboys employing the firm to test whether they are getting value for money when they visit their local sweetie shop. So we had yards of stuff along the lines of

emanding the audit. "As accountants it is very much in our own interest that we should find ways of meeting the clear public expectation of more meaningful accountability by companies and other enterprises," Gough said.
"And it is highly desirable that our audit

should extend to these new forms of information and disclosure, rather than be confined to what could become an elitist set of formal financial statements," he added. At one point

Gough seemed to leave the ground completely. "Auditors," he announced, "are failing to respond to a pent-up demand for service which could provide valuable opportunities for firms willing to develop along new lines." The thought of a public out there just thirsting for more audits is a difficult one to

Having digested his coffee, Gough would have found it odd to hear Graham Wilson, the managing director of United Newspapers. who was the next speaker, in the final analysis, it seemed, none of this audit stuff

According to Wilson: "The concentration on structures, audits, accountability, disclo-sure and all the paraphernalia of selfregulation and a legal framework ignores the critical, the really critical, aspect of how the 'system' in its all-embracing scheme really orks," he argued.

Not surprisingly this turned out to be the "Sir Owen Green thesis". If you would all go away and leave it all up to me everything would go swimmingly. Or as Wilson put it: "The emphasis should

be, in my view, not necessarily on the separation of chairman and chief executive, or audit committees, or reporting on envibreeding excellent managers who play by the rules because they make them themselves in pursuit of their own aim of excellence".

These are the two extremes. Gough wants the profession to be a serious player in every area of human life where performance indicators can possibly be measured. Wilson wants everyone to push off and let the unfertered executive pursue excellence.

Both these aspects of corporate life are unloved by the public. The Wilson line is precisely the one which al-

lows the Maxwells of this world to flourish. The Gough line is the one which loses the profession its sympathy from the public. In the conclusion to his speech, he said that "audit and auditors are under fire". He then tried to explain this.

"My impression," he said, "is that the criticisms arise, not so much from a decline in standards of performance, but because we have failed to recognise significant changes in the environment in which we operate. Those changes particularly relate to corporate governance, the needs of stakeholders, expectations accountability, buisness globalisation and attitudes to risk and compensation."

This is jargon. The problem is not that accountants have failed to recognise changes in the environment. It is because they have changed their own environment. It is the accountants themselves who have burnt the hole in their ozone layer.

The headlong pursuit of growth as a business rather than a profession has lost them much of their natural and traditional

support.

The same could be said of the institute and its annual conference.

The author is associate editor of Accountancy

# Cork Gully reforms offenders

AT A time when some accountants may feel they have been operating a little too close for comfort to the criminal fraternity, Cork Gully is proud at having "pulled off a job" on behalf of a group of convicted

prisoners. Its client in this case was neither a second hand car trader nor a pension fund manager. It was the Apex Trust, a charity that helps resettle offenders, which went into administration under Cork Gully when in financial difficulties last year.

Now the charity has been relaunched by Baroness Scear, its chairman, with the aid of Cork Gully and to the applause of government ministers, the business community and the ex-offenders them-

Malcolm London, the Cork

Gully partner in charge of the

case, said the undertaking, which is believed to be unique, was "a splendid example of what the insolvency Act is able to achieve". Prospects for the organisation look promising. Apex's problems became serious when they took on an expensive lease at the same time as the Government's Employment Training programme, its traditional source of large scale funding, began allocating on a new basis.

had no option but to go into administration. The most important factor in turning the exercise into a success was the personal relationship which grew up between the accountants and the Apex staff. Alan Taylor, the director of policy and development at the trust, said: "We ended up all becoming quite

With costs going up and

income decreasing, the trust

good friends." However, according to Francis Runacres, a member of the Cork Gully team, anxieties were expressed in the early days about the compatibility of the firm's accountants

and the staff of the charity. There was an obvious cultural gap between us and the Apex management team suspect they thought that we concert was brilliant, but the

Edward Fennell reports on administering to a charity



Baroness Seear with board member Terry Nemko and Cork Gully's Malcolm London were just a bunch of guys in

grey suits who would only be interested in the financial bottom line." For their part, the Cork Gully staff needed a little time

to orientate themselves to the way the trust guarded its role. In no way were the managers "naive do-gooders" but it became apparent that they lacked the in-depth financial disciplines necessary to run what had by then become a

large organisation. So the first thing the Cork Gully team did was to take a rigorous look at the whole of Apex's financial structure — probably the first time that it had been exposed to such systematic analysis.

It was quickly evident that some of the trust's projects were operating at such a deficit that they were unsustainable.

Others, which were not making such heavy losses, could be bailed out by the more profitable ones.

"We tried to avoid making decisions simply on bottom line figures, if a project was not losing too much money and was clearly effective as far as the clients were concerned, then we did our best to keep it going." Mr Runacres said.

In fact in the end, just two training centres were closed down although about one third of the staff have left. What remains should be enough projects and personnel to make Apex a viable

The factor which was different about this job was that we were able to use the Apex name to go out and appeal to the community, especially the business community, for fi-nancial donations. That is not the sort of thing that you do insolvency," Mr Runacres

Cork Gully's appetite for charity work has now been whetted. With more charities being forced into financial difficulties as a result of recession this could be an interesting area to enter.

Malcolm London said: "We are very happy to use the experience gained of the Apex Trust work to advise other charities which get into difficulties."

Not being a charity itself, however, Cork Gully gives warning that it is not doing business for nothing. Small. down at heel charities may need to seek sustenance elsewhere. Either that or recruit some ex-offenders, computer fraudsters preferred, who want to use their skills in a

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Chairman faces an uphill struggle to persuade clearers

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THE Financial Reporting Council has played down talk of threats to its future solvency as Sir Ron Dearing. FRC chairman, prepares to lobby for a new round of funding. It looks, however, as though the FRC will have to do without the support of the clearing banks when the present ar

rangements end next March. The eight banks, who invested £125.000 between them this year, have never been wildly enthusiastic about contributing towards the FRC and its offshoots, the Accounting Standards Board and the Review Panel. Their with-drawal would disappoint the FRC, which likes to be seen to represent a broad range of interests, but the money could be made up from elsewhere. Funding for the bodies

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David Graham, a corporate



Exchange, which raises funds through a levy on listed companies. Pension funds and insurers chip in and the banks make up the rest. In the first year of funding, the banks contribution was provided by the Bank of England. The first three-year batch of financing began in March 1990. In the first two years, each sector contributed El

million, much of it towards building up a £2 million fighting fund for the Review Panel. This fund is available to pay for litigation if the panel has to take a company to court. Since this has not happened, the amount due from the sectors was reduced to E2 million between them last

Sir Ron will try to negotiate an arrangement with the providers of funds to allow the fighting fund to be topped up if legal action depletes it at some future date.

The Review Panel, headed by Edwin Glasgow, QC, and staffed by a range of parttimers, including solicitors and accountants, considers complaints about 2.500 publicly quoted company acpress comment or word from the Stock Exchange. Most complaints are sorted out on an informal basis with the company, but the threat of legal action is always there. Companies that have changed their accounts at the request of the Review Panel include The Shield Group, Williams Holdings, Ultramar and Forte. Since the Review Panel is

run on a part-time basis, most of the running costs are absorbed by the ASB. David Tweedie, ASB chairman, and Allan Cook, technical director, are employed full-time, and nine qualified accountants are on the staff of the FRC.

Sir Ron may not just encounter opposition from the banks in his efforts to secure a new three-year round of funding. When financing was first being secured in 1988 and 1989, some members of the accountancy profession argued that the bulk of funding should come from the government. The FRC disagrees.

Sydney Treadgold, secretary of the FRC, ASB and Review Panel, said: "We do not think it is a good idea. The present funding structure is a manifestation of support from three sectors. The banks will need persuading. It will be a nity if they do not agree to new funding, pity but not disastrous. It's not so much the money as the principle."

#### Hungry like the wolf

THERE seems to be no stopping Tony Silvester, one-time business manager to Duran Duran, the pop group, who runs the entertainments division of Neville Russell. He has just returned from St Petersburg with his latest discovery. a Birmingham rock group called Crazy Crazy, who became the first Western rock band to play at an open-air concert in Russia's second city. Nothing could have prepared us for St Petersburg," says Silvester who joined Neville Russell's Binningham of fice last August. "In all my touring with Duran, I never experienced anything like the four-day trip to Russia. The

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

organisation was a nightmare." The free two-hour show was held in front of the Hermitage, the Tsais' former Winter Palace. Mary Martin. who works alongside Silvester as head of corporate services. went along on the trip to see what she could glean from the locals - and found they are hungry for bankers and accountants. How about some money first?

Drastic measures

BRIAN Friedman, tax partner at Stoy Hayward, and Philip Hardman, who pursues similar interests at Grant Thornton, have found themselves on the receiving end of a

vicious attack by Tim Smith, MP for Beaconsfield. His rage was directed at comments about the efficacy of Hansard, the official log of what goes on at Westminster. Hardman was quoted in Accountancy



uracy while Friedman enjoyed a jibe at the expense of MPs. That is disgraceful," snorted Smith, during a debate on the Finance Bill. "Both tax partners should be summonsed to the Bar of the Committee, convicted and sentenced to death!" Fortunately for the culprits, the chairman decided such matters were outside his

Age attacking Hansard's acc-

Bridging finance JUST as Gay Ayton and Si-

mon Scott of Price Waterhouse were abseiling 330 ft down Southwark Towers ten days ago, three of their colleagues were enjoying a rather

tax partner, and his colleagues Stephen Barnfield and Marijke Van Beesten were leading their team to victory in an annual bridge tournament sponsored by Williams Lea Perivan, a security printer. The trio, helped by Marijke's husband, Richard Fleet, beat teams from the Inland Revenue, Scottish Equitable, National Audit Office, Cours & Co, Cavenham Financial Services and Refuge Assurance. We were not too distressed about beating the Revenue," says Graham, who had some high-powered muscle to back him. Barnfield is a former England junior player and Fleet is a current England

JON ASHWORTH | counts, often in response to

# Smith stages his own virtuoso performance

POWING CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Smith, a 17-yearold saxophone player, was the outstanding personality of the first day of Henley Regatta. Smith, who won a junior gold medal last summer just two months after his sixteenth birthday, stroked Westminster School to a superb victory over Hampton yesterday, just two weeks after celebrating his seventeenth birthday.

Hampton, the winners of the Princess Elizabeth Cup four times in the last seven years and the national schools champions this year, were led by the lighter Westminster schoolboys off the start and were three-quarters of a length behind at the Barrier. Hampton then piled on the pressure and came back to half a length at Fawley, but Westminster held on and won by two-thirds of a length.

Bob Michaels and David

Riches, the duo responsible for Westminster's speed, have Michaels coached Riches to a Goblets win in 1984. Michaels, also the Great Britain women's squad coordinator, told his men to "beat the other crew man for man" and Riches agreed that the race was a "straightforward duel".

Westminster and Hampton's stirring of the crowd in the morning was matched by Eton and Shrewsbury in the afternoon. Eton, the winners of the Princess Elizabeth Cup for the past two years, were eclipsed at the national schools and their coach, Mark Woodcock, has not had the easiest build-up to Henley, losing his seven man. George Holroyd. to a stomach upset just two

days before the regatta. Using the new "big blades"



Taking the strain: the crew of the Union Boat Club coxless four, from the United States, show their disappointment after losing in the Britannia Cup yesterday

for the first time in competi-tion, Eton, at a higher rate, led the fancied and considerably heavier Shrewsbury contingent by half a length at Fawley but, in Woodcock's words, "never settled it down and got away". Shrewsbury, still rating lower, edged back on power in the first half of the enclosures and then added rate to a crescendo of noise at

the finish. Eton's stroke man, Christian Brun, in company with many others, asked who had won and the judges decided Eton by two feet.

Almost as Eton finished, the weather broke and conditions on the course changed dramatically, but the Westminster and Eton times of 6min 34sec and 6:37 were only bettered significantly by the impressive

London RC eight, with former Cambridge and Oxford presi-dents, Simon Harris and Lynton Richmond, in the stern seats. They equalled the Barrier record and clocked 6:22 when beating Notting-ham County while most people were still lingering over breakfast, and that set the standard for the day's Thames Cup eights.

Nihon University, of Japan, and Orange Coast College, from the United States, looked well worth their "selected" stants in the Temple Cup eights and Goldie's Britannia Cup coxed four, composed entirely of former Cambridge boat race performers, looked impressive in beating Dart-mouth RC, of the United States, in spite of being led off

the start and, surprisingly with a cox on board, being warned

for their steering.

Brentwood College School,
Canada, were the first "selected" crew to suffer defeat at this year's regatta. Monmouth School beating them convinc-ingly in the Princess Elizabeth while Radley's second eight overcame another Canadian crew from Shawnigan Lake.

Unquestionably France, the

winners of the last season's

student five-nation competi-

tion, are the favourites to win the pool. Virtually the entire squad is made of first-division

players, some of whom have

already played international

STUDENT SPORT: SCOTS PREPARE IN RUGBY UNION WORLD CUP

Shawnigan led Radley to the half distance, but Radley then rowed the last three-and-a-half minutes at more than 40 and won by one length.

The initial hears of the Diamonds sculls showed that the lightweights John Murphy, from Canada, and Brendan Dolan, from Ireland, might cause some trouble for heavier hopefuls.

tional prop Serg Simon, one of

the members of the Bègles

front row, and the backs are marshalled by international centre Thierry Lacroix.

The fourth player in the

pool is Spain, one of the

tournament novices, who at

this stage seem unlikely to

In the opening game of the three-week tournament a ma-

ture looking CIS upset the odds, like they did against New Zesiand in 1988, when

they beat Italy 13-8 in Padua

Pierre Berbizier, the France

coach, has read the riot act to

his team in Argentina after a

second player was sent off on Tuesday night for fighting. Stephane Graou, the prop. got his marching orders 28 min-

utes after coming on as a replacement in France's 32-30

loss to Cuyo, a provincial side,

He punched the Argentine

hooker, Martin Gran, who

had kicked French flanker,

Jean-Francois Tordo, on the

ground. Grau was also sent

off. Jean-Pierre Genet, the

hooker, was sent off last week.

From Mr Christopher Kelly Sir. Professional sport has

become a gross misallocation of our nation's resources. Play-

ers' salaries, sponsorship and

advertising, broadcasting, the

invisible cost of motionless hours in front of the television

set are all funded by us, the

brainwashed spectator public.
What is this gigantic investment producing that is of benefit to Britain? A ten-

minute high when we go all

gooey and wobbly and patriotic after a win over a

So what if we produce a

Wimbledon champion? So what if we collect a fistful of

gold-plated medals at the Bar-

celona Olympics? Is this going

to affect the cost of our weekly

groceries? (Sadly, yes. We con-sumers also have to fund

sponsorships of "great" sport-

Surely our patriotism would

competitor.

ing events.)

Sporting success irrelevant

make an impact.

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in Mendoza.

needed encouragement.

the position for Cassell's try, had trouble holding the stocky Bertyman, who scored tries in the dying moments of each half as well as a third after

Johnston's intrusion.
Russell gave England the encouragement of an early try and though Johnston's kicking kept North Auckland on terms — indeed, they led 15-12 at the interval — Cassell and Olomeh Kilmet. and Oiomon (direct from a five-metre scrum) gave them a useful cushion. Even when Berryman scored his second try England's riposte was swift, Barnes kicking a penalty then darting 25 metres down the blind side to score.

The DUTICL SIGHT Auctional: Tries: Beryriver (3). Conversions: Johnston (3).
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Russell. Cessell. Ojomoh. Barries. Converstone: Barries (3) Penelties: Barries (2).
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NORTH AUCKLAND: W Johnston; N.
Berryman, M. Younger, M. Seymour (caps), Q.
Chesington; R. le Bass, P. Thomas; C. Barriel,
J. Jurline, J. Barrell, A. Campbell, G.
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ENGLAND St. J. Steale (Northerspton), A. Harristen (Harlequins), G. Thompson (Harlequins), G. Childe (Wasce), H. Thompsond (Harlequins), G. Childe (Wasce), H. Thompsond (Northerspton): S. Barnes (Beth, capt), D. Scully (Walested): M. Hymes (Dreil), K. Dunn (Glouzssen), A. Mallen, Harlequins), M. Russell (Herlequins), M. Hung (Beth), D. Stris (Glouzsser), J. Cussell (Seracins), S. Ojomoh (Beth) Referee: A Riley (Wallosto).

#### YESTERBAY'S RESULTS FROM HENLEY

#### Thames Challenge Cup

Holders: University of Pennsylvania

Sons of the Thames bt Kingston, %I. Sons of the Thames bt Kingston, %I. Smin 43sec: Oxford University Light-weights bt Molassy, 214, 6min 47sec; London 'A' bt Nottinghamstere County, %I. Smin 22sec; Thames bt Ousen's Tower, 119, 6min 33sec; Quintin bt Durham University 'B'; canvas, 8min 41sec; Bedford 'B' bt Vesta 'A', 119, 6min 37sec; Nottingham and Union bt Alfred (SA), 219, 6min 51sec; Toleway Scullers bt Thames Tradesmen's 'A', 419, 6min 48sec.

48sec.
Agecroft 'A' bit Vesta 'B', 3i, 6min
48sec; Newark bit Maidenhead, 1%i,
6min 48sec; Hanlan (Can) bit Syra-cuse University Alumni (US), 1%i,
6min 42sec; Durham University 'A' bit
Cambridge '99, 4i, 8min 43sec;
Cambridge University Lightweights bit
London 'B', 1%i, 8min 49sec; Cin-cinnati (US) bit Marlow, '91, 6min
39sec.

#### Wyfold Challenge Holders: Nautilus Rowing Club

Pengwern bt Reading, 241, 7mln 06ssc; Derby bt Bedford A, 1½1, 7mln Osse; Derby bt Bedford A, 1½1, 7min 21sec; Auriol Kensington bt Upper Thames, easily, 7min 14sec; Univer-aity of London bt Cambridge '99, ¾1, 7min Ossec, Stirring bt Upper Thames '8', 3½1, 7min 21sec; Calgary (Can) bt Bewl Bridge, ¾, 7min 20sec; Bradford-on-Avon bt Bewelley, 11, 7min 33sec; London '8' bt Walling-ford, 4'-1, 7min 21sec

#### Britannia Challenge Cup

Holders: Nottinghamshire County

First round

New York bt Gloucester, 1¾1, 7mm
15eec; Exeter bt University of Wales
Coflege, Cardiff, 1¾1, 7mm 30eec;
Clorimel (Ire) bt Union (US), 1¾1,
7mm 26sec; Nottingham and Union
bt Scottish Argonauds, 1¾1, 7mm
10sec; Sons of the Thames bt
Wallingtord, 1¾1, 7mm 21sec; Goldie
bt Dartmouth (US), easily, 7mm
17eec; University of Bristol bt City of
Cambridge, 1¾1, 7mm 24sec; Neptune (Ire) bt London Welsh, 31, 7mm
27sec; Athlone (Ire), bt Newark, 2¾1,
27sec; Athlone (Ire), bt Newark, 2¾1, 27sec; Athlone (Ire), bt Newark, 2%i, 7min 36sec; Molessy bt Bedford, 1%i, 7min 32sec

#### Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup Holders: Eton College

First round

First round

St Paul's School bt St George's School (Can), 3l. 7min 04sec; Monmouth School bt Berntwood College School (Can), 3l. 7min 04sec; Monmouth School bt Tirfin School, 3l. 7min 20sec; King's School, Canterbury, bt Bedford School (A. 214l, 8min 53sec; Radley 'B' bt Shawnigan Lake School (Can), 1l. 6min 58sec; ct Winchester College bt Bedford Modern, 2l. 7min 00sec; Shiplake bt RGS, Worcester, 1l, 6min 53sec; St Edward's School 'B' bt St Edward's School 'C', 1l, 6min 51sec; Westminster School bt Hamplon School, 3l, 6min 34sec; Cantord School bt Bedford School 'B' 3l. 7min 00sec, Kingston Grammar School bt Oundle, 2l4l, 6min 53sec, Radley 'A' bt Abingdon, 13th, 6min 48sec; King's School, Chester, bt St

# Temple Challenge

Cup Holders: University of Bristol

First round
Worcester and Belliol, Oxford, bit Hampton School, 2%1, 8min 54sec; University of Bristol bt Southermpton University, 3/1, 8min 48sec; Phillips Academy (US) bt University College, Cork, 23/1, 8min 48sec; Nottingham University bt Abardson University 18/1, 6min 48sec; Trinity Hell, Cambridge, bt Jesus, Cambridge, 39/1, 8min 49sec; Cambridge, 39/1, 8min 49sec; Cutto University (US) bt Church and Magdalen, Oxford, 5/1, 6min 49sec; Tutts University (US) bt Churchill College, Cambridge, 33/1, 6min 49sec; Stadt (Holl) bt Nilnon (Japan), easily, 6min 49sec; Sheffield University bt Oxford Polytechnic 'B', 11, 8min 49sec; Ornel and Christ Church, Oxford, bt Downing and Pembroke, Cambridge, 2, 8min 37sec.

#### Diamond Chall-

enge Sculls Holder: W Van Belieghem (Bel) First round

T J Murphy (St Catherine's, Can) bt D E Jillings (Molasey), 11, Sman 22sec; J J A Burton (Queensland) bt W J Beller JA Burtoni (Queensland) bt WJ Beker (London), 11, 8mm 10sec; P Anderson (Queensland) bt J E Betl (Calgary), 5l, 8mm 47sac; G D P Watters (Tideway Scullers School) bt G P R heddin (Thames), 3s), 8mm 14sec; B P Dolan (Neptune, Iru) bt D W Nicoll (Upper Thames), 2s, 8mm

#### Japanese could cause a headache buts in that historic win However, two players who could have given the side against Scotland.

By CHRIS THAU

SCOTLAND, Wales and freland open their campaigns in the students' World Cup in Italy today, against opponents of varying strength. Ireland, against Germany in Rovigo, and Wales, playing Holland in Sicily, have fairly easy tasks against comparatively inexpenenced opposition.

But Scotland have adversaries in Japan who could give them headaches. John Rutherford, the coach who is a former Scotland and British Isles stand-off half, says that the game against the Japanese is the key to the quarter-finals.

"The Japanese worry me greatly. They've made tremendous progress as they proved in the World Cup last year and they could be very dangerous in a one-off situation," Ruther-

The Scots have announced the best side available, including Carl Hogg, the recently capped international No. 8, and Gregor Townsend, the stand-off half who made a name for himself during the recent tour of Australia.

experience and stability - the scrum-half. Andy Nicol, and the lock, Dodie Weir - pulled out of the students' squad

shortly before their return from Australia. Providing that the Scottish tight five hold their own against the anticipated powerful Japanese challenge in the scrum, and if Hogg and company win their share of lineout bails, then Townsend and his talented back division, featuring among others the Scotland B centre Craig Redpath and his partner Chris

with Racing Club de France. could run riot. The Japanese, captained by their World Cup wing Yoshishito Yoshida, could be awkward opponents as they proved in 1989 when they beat Scotland — admittedly without their British Lions -

Simmers, home after a spell

28-24 in Tokyo. Yoshida, who recently played for the World XV in New Zealand, and the Japanese scrum half, Horikoshi, made their international de-



Townsend: tour success

#### timely form North Auckland .....

Ojomoh

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England B .....

FROM DAVID HANDS IN WHANGAREI

ALTHOUGH they conceded three tries for the first time on tour, this was a more encouraging win for England B at Okara Park here yesterday than the scoreline suggests. Their youthful, inexperienced XV led for all but three minutes against North Auck-land, who have a tradition of upsetting touring teams.
Stuart Barnes, after his dis-

appointing game last Sunday. scored in every conceivable way for a tally of 19 points in England's win by three goals. a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to three goals and three penalties. Moreover, the form of the forwards, notably Steve Ojomoh and David Sims, suggests both could win a place on Sunday against the New Zealand XV. who beat North Harbour 28-

It was no coincidence that each back-row player scored a try, since each of the three enjoyed his best match, but Ojomoh was outstanding, both at the lineout and in the loose. "I have never seen him play a game like that before," Jack Rowell, the B coach, said.

Sims, too, produced a good lineout display, an area Eng-land dominated despite being penalised five times there. Four of those were within range but Johnston, the powerful North Auckland full back who creased havoc with his ramaing, missed two in the second half when his team

In defence, however, England were shaly. The centres were too easily lured our of position and Thorneycroft, though he did well to create

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#### **SPORTS LETTERS**

#### Hitting machines have taken over tennis

From Mr Harvey R. Cole Sir, The spectacle of thunderous services and abbreviated rallies at Wimbledon has predictably revived calls for the abolition of the second service. There are, however, good arguments against this idea. not least that it would effectively mean the disappearance for much of the time of the first

An alternative amendment to the rules seems to have much to commend it. If a first service is delivered both long and wide, it should be called a double fault, and no second service should be permitted on

Yours etc... HARVEY R. COLE. 9 Clifton Road, Winchester, Hampshire.

From Mr D. B. Harley Sir. Last week I watched on German television some of the men's singles matches at Wimbledon. That of Becker v Damm was typical of what one is now used to in grass and hard-court champion-

By my reckoning, each point consisted on average of just three strokes: service, return, and volley. Thus, in each hour, the ball was actually in play for about three-and-a-half to four minutes maximum. The German television commentator ironically, and in my view aptly, referred to both players as Aufschlagsmaschinen (hitting machines).

The introduction of the "high-tech" racket in the Seventies has massively contributed to the ruination of men's championship tennis, transforming it largely into a spec-tacle of power and speed, dominated perforce by men well over off who, by the nature of their technique, lack

the artistry, touch and grace of their predecessors. What I really fail to understand is the attitude of the Wimbledon spectators who are prepared to pay for, and sit through, such boredom, enjoying, if that is the word, watching the ball in play for so short a time — probably less than seven per cent of the total

match time Yours faithfully, D. B. HARLEY.

63 8 Walchwil, Switzerland. From Master Simon Henry Sir, I have just watched a power match at Wimbledon

which contained around 38 aces. This may be a way of winning a match, but tennis is turning into a "whoever is the strongest" contest. Tennis is a thinking game, of angles of the racket, not of standing at the baseline and hammering the ball at your opponent.

Yours faithfully, SIMON HENRY (aged 11). 24 Frewin Road, SW18. From Mr John D. M. Asher Sir, I joined the queue for a Wimbledon ground ticket at il o'clock on Monday morning. Two bours later, with some 1,000 people in front of me, the queue came to a halt, and it was announced that the ground was full.

I suggested to a steward that there must be a better way. He responded that the French open championships were much worse and added that some 8,000 people were trying to gain access.
If the Wimbledon commit-

tee were to try to devise a reasonable system to admit 8,000 people seeking ground tickets, it would not entail queuing for two hours, then failing to gain access. The behaviour of the mostly young people was exemplary, and they deserve better treatment.

JOHN D. M. ASHER, Avenue Road. Teddington, Middlesex.

From Ms Susan Robertson Sir, May I advise all Wimble don commentators that at the end of a long, exciting tennis match of three hours or more. the standing ovation has more to do with having sat on a hard bench than showing respect for the players. SUSAN ROBERTSON. 3 Green Road, Benfleet, Essex.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a daytime telephone number.

#### Selectors do remarkably well

From Mr J. O'Keeffe Sir, The recent selection for England of the young Salisbury and the recall of the old Gower (report, June 29) illustrate well the particular diffi-culties facing cricket selectors. In view of these, what is remarkable is not the degree of controversy that arises from their selections, but the degree of consensus they achieve.

The first difficulty is that there is no agreed mid-term aim against which to balance the needs of winning today's match with the needs of developing a future team. Other sports have the Olympics or European championships, and even rugby union now has its own World Cup at which to aim.

Second, a valid case for Test selection in cricket can be made for players of age 20 through to age 40, an age-span matched by few sports. Third, the format of the team is highly variable. There is a choice between how many batsmen to play, how many bowlers, and whether one has a specialist wicketkeeper or not. Within the bowling, there can be both fast and slow

there is a choice between off spin, left-arm and leg spin. Finally, no other sport has the sublime combination of numerical statistics to describe the performance of a player. while huge vagaries of luck and circumstance can influ-

bowlers, and even within the

slow-bowling department.

ence those statistics. Sometimes athletics faces this issue, but only to a very modest degree, such as the controversy that arose when Cram and Coe were selected for the Olympics even though the statistics in their trials did not merit it.

Given these challenges, our cricket selectors do remarkably well. They could improve their batting average with two simple changes.

1. They should declare at the

end of this season a mid-term aim (perhaps the Ashes, perhaps beating West Indies) against which they will plan the balance of their teambuilding.

2. For each Test match they should announce a squad of 20 players, who are forming the core group to achieve the above objective and from which short-term selections will be made. Yours faithfully.

J. O'KEEFFE. Overijsesteenweg 70, B-1560 Hoeilaart, Belgium.

From Mr Derek Radnor Sir. Perhaps the England cricket selectors have paid heed to the success of their recent geographical selections, namely Devon Malcolm and lan Salisbury, by bringing in another. David Gower. Yours faithfully, DEREK RADNOR. 14 Holland Park. Barton-under-Needwood.

#### Benefits of home draw

From the President of Dorset County Cricket Club Sir. Your cricket correspondent's article, "Minor counties deserve. home advantage" (June 26), will have struck an answering chord with thousands of minor county players,

officials and members. Apart

from all the highly valid reasons he cites is the fact that

a home NarWest Trophy match can, with good marketing, become a financial goldmine for a minor county. It is ironic, to say the least, that exactly the opposite response will be found among the first-class counties. As we read so often, the ultimate nightmare for them is to lose in the first round of the competition to a minor county side, and club cricket grounds with their generally slow and low pitches, reduce the differential in skills between first-

be better based on the eco-nomic supremacy of Britain. class and second-class cricketers. Indeed, last season, one county suggested that all minors should be drawn away. Let us take the opportunity to distinguish ourselves from our May I add. Sir. that the luck of the draw has meant that, last season, my county played the holders (Lancashire) at home and, this year, the holders (Hampshire) away. I leave your readers to contemplate that sort of luck. Yours faithfully,

DEREK BRIDGE,

President, Dorset CCC,

Long Acre. Tinney's Lane.

From Mr M. Callan up Great Britain.

sports-mongering neighbours by ploughing our energies and resources into our families, work and education. Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER KELLY.

206 Pitshanger Lane, W5. From Mr C. F. A. T. Halliday Sir. Simon Barnes (June 22)

excused the excessive earnings of top sportsmen on the grounds that they give plea-sure to millions. Surely he doesn't find it a pleasurable experience watching Mc-Enroe or his doubles partner arguing with the umpire.

Now we get the Hampshire cricket captain involved in a dispute over an umpiring decision (report, June 29), claiming he is helping the umpire to make a correct decision. The thought of my 13-year-old schoolboy pupils helping me to make a decision is mind-boggling. Yours faithfully,

CHARLES HALLIDAY. 1 Fairfields. Hurst Green, Lancashire.

#### United nations

Sir, in Barcelona the afhletes from England, Scotland and Wales will wear GB on their kit. Nothing strange in that, as the three countries go to make

What is strange, however, is 27 Collingwood Close.

Ireland will also wear the GB and be part of the team

representing Great Britain.
They do not live in nor come
from Great Britain, so why this allowed? Surely the answer is to put GB and NI on the shirts, or simply UK. Yours faithfully, MAURICE CALLAN,

that athletes from Northern Clifton Grove, Nottingham.

INDIAN Slate can follow up his Brighton course and distance victory, gained eight day's ago, in the loe Blanks Memorial Challange Cup

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Last week, the colt was gaining his first ever successin the hands of Pat Eddery. who significantly will again bein the saddle. Despite picking up a 516 penalty for his length victory over Abso; he appears to be well-treated by: the handicapper.

This certainly is not the case with Diago, who is set to macede 16% to the selection. On his day he is useful performer, but at the moment the handscapper appears to have his measure

A more likely danger appears to be Southwold Air, a hard ridden winner of a moderate handicap at Salisbury last week. But I feel the concesion of 10th to Indian . Slave will prove non much.

Eddery can also be on the mark at Haydock Park, where he partners Source Of Light in the feature event of the day, the Saab Great Britain July Trophy Listed

Despite attracting only three numers, the twelve furlong contest is by no means a pion jockey. Bobzao locked a Newcastle, can reman wounted a useful performer when beat ning, form in the Robert Bowen For Saab Handicap.

Bowen For Saab Handicap. certain victory for the cham-Canyon over ten farlongs at

Today, his stamina limitation may well be found out ... However, there are no doubts. regarding Alphard's ability to see out the trip:

At Royal Ascot, the Henry Ceril-trained colt was far Brocione Grey in the High

MANDARIN.

(nap). 3.40 Sky Train

4.10 Great Hall. 4.40 Shikari's Son.

(2-Y-O: £1,932: 6f 299yd) (5 runners) -:

from disgraced when fifth behind Beyton in the King Edward VIL Stakes. But the performance of Source Of

Light in the King George V Handicap, on the third day of the Royal meeting, when bearing Wild Fire was very impressive: Prior to that, the Rainbow Quest colt was totally unsuit-

ed by the resting ground at Wolvethampton, where he was beaten 20 lengths by For the nap. I expect Geni-ni Fire to relish the consider-

able drop in class when lining up for the Saab Manchester Claiming Stakes. Last season, the eight-year-old showed himself to be a very useful handicapper with notable victories at York and on this course a year ago in better company.

Today, Mick Naughton has significantly booked the useful five pound claiming apprentice, Jason Weaver. This will make the task even harder for Siziling Melody. who now has m concede 91b to the selection:

Lucadeo, who has slipped down the weights since he he showed himself in good

heart when beaten under eight lengths by Viceroy, finishing sixth in a competitive handicap: At Yarmouth, Briggscare

can reverse the form with

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1991; BAYPHIA 3-8-8-3 Rouse (9-2 tex) @ Levils 20 ran :-

FORM FOCUS

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OUIST PROT 111 Srd of 11 to The Least Empress or Catterior (1m 6), good) seiter on peculianses start.

MAMALAMA 7% Fish of 25 to ideal Candidata in Windsor (1m 2), good to flam) seiling handscap with 1 Theicevelt in Ricon (2m, first) Interdices.

3.10 JOE BLANKS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP

(Handican: £2.950:7f 214yd) (6 runners)

2.40 (CINGSTON SEPLENG HANDICAP (F2/343: 1m 3f 196yd) (14 numbers)

2.10 WOODINGDEAN WAIDEN GUNZANGEEDISWEEPSTAKES

4 ALMANSOUR 19 (Clashid III Chail S. ....

BETTING: 10-11 Almanaux, 13-8 Walted: 7-2 Impair, 16 Includes.

DRAW: 5F-7F 214YD; LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.40 Benena Cuffinis. 2.49 BAREANA. 3.10 INDIAN STAVE CUFFLINES (SED).

RICHARD EVANS

3.10 Southwold Air

Steward Claiming Stakes. Today, the selection is 2lb worse off with Brochine Grey for a 24-length beating at

But on that occasion Briggscare was ridden with too much confidence. Also, the selection should be better for the outing as he had been off the track for two seasons and another factor in his favour will be today's shorter

Annabelle Royale, who has won five times on the Norfolk course; can take the Westminster Motor Taxi Insurance stakes. Last week, the six-year-old showed his first signs of form for the season when runner up to Sehosan on today's course.

Mesazii, who will be at-tempting give Dick Hern his third winner of the season, will present a serious danger. Last year, the filly showed outstanding form when runner up Musicale in a group three-contest at Goodwood.

Basted Rock, another that likes the seaside track, can follow up last year's success in the Hickling Handicap. Last time out, he appeared slightly unlucky when runner up to Mr Confusion at Pontefract, where he did not have the degrest of runs close home.

Riviera Vista, runner up to the useful Bilateral at Goodwood last season, can open his account in the Taxinews Maiden Stakes at the expense of Bold Steve.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 2:10 larges: 3:40 Duty
Sargeant. 4:10 Lord Neptons.
CATTERICK: 2:30 Super Rocky, Serious
Horry, 3:00 General Brooks. 4:30 Ferrovs.
5:30 Broad Appeal, YARACUTA: 2:20
Angelon Park. 3:20 Mister Bloke. 3:50
Medicary.

# Swinburn gets Rock Hopper

WALTER Swinburn will partner Rock Hopper in Sandown's Coral-Eclipse Stakes on Saturday.

Swinburn received news that he would ride Maktoum Al-Maktoum's colt after confirmation that regular rider Pat Eddery would be required to ride at Haydock Park on the same day. Eddery has been claimed

by Khaled Abdulla to ride Shirley Valentine and Matador on the Lancashire track. Swinburn, Shaikh Maktoum's number two jockey, switches from the owner's Twist And Turn to resume his partnership with Rock Hopper in the Group One event. Swinburn rode Rock Hopper on his first outing of the

resume his parmership with Twist And Turn, whom he rode to finish fifth behind Dr Devious in the Derby. Eddery's agent, Terry Ellis said: "It's a bit disappointing

to miss the ride on Rock

season, when fifth in the Jock-ey Club Stakes.

Michael Kinane will now

Hopper. He's a smashing Shaikh Maktoum runs Rock Hopper's regular pace-maker Mellaby, Bruce Raymond, in the race. Connections are discussing the use of a visor for Rock Hopper, to prevent him from

dropping out of contention.
The five-year-old is 6-1 for the ten-furlong contest with all three major bookmakers, having been backed from 8-1 with Ladbrokes yesterday. Corals bet: 5-2 Kooyonga 5-1 Muhtarram (from 11-2). 6-1 Rock Hopper (from 5-1), 13-2 Opera House.

3.40 PEVENSEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,147: 1m 1f 209yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: 4-5 Breakiston: 7-4 Sky Train, 7-2 Duty Sergeant, 12-1 others.
1991: HARBOUR KNIGHT 5-13 T Quinn (11-2) J P Eustade 10 ran

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 (5)
 055-544. SKY TRAIN 12 (Lord Chelen) J Dunico 97
 A Mustra 9 99

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 De0261 BREAKDANCER 12 (D.F) (J Jennewsy) W Muir 9-0
 S Whitworth 96

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 300000 DUTY SERGEANT 6 (BLF) (W Mann) M Muggerdge 5-10
 D Biggs (3)
 98

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 (4)
 D-00 PRINCESS EVITA 13 (8 Larry) R Guest 8-3
 PROBINSON
 98

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 (1)
 405 PROVE IT'S GOLD 12 (5 Misson) T Jones 8-0
 N Adams
 89

FORM FOCUS

SKY TRAIN hampered when 2 4th of 6 to Knock in Warnick (7th 3f, firm) handicap; previously 44tl 5th of 12 (placed 4th) to Tempeling in Goodwood (1th 2f, good to firm) handicap.

BREAKDANCER best Miliged 15th in 5-runner Ayr (1m 2f, firm) claiming maiden. DUTY SERGEANT 5!

Selection: SKY TRAIN

4.10 ROCK GARDENS CLAIMING STAKES (52,128: 6f 209yd) (8 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Shocking Times, 7-2 Great Hall, 9-2 Sea Cloud, 5-1 Dedgy, 7-1 Lord Naphune, 9-1 M. 12-1 Nazara Blue, 14-1 Lady Burding.

1981: CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 3-9-4 A Munro (5-2 Ji-fev) W O'Gormen 4 mm

**FORM FOCUS** 

DODGY 141 8th of 11 to inclian Slave in handlong here (hm. first). MONT BRE 294 3rd of 18 to Kawweis in handlong over course and distance (good to firm) on percentimes start.

MAZARE BILIE 9/41 8th of 16 to Barnesian Barte in Leicester (81, good) handlong on perultimete start.

LORD NEPTUNE 13 last of 7 to Conliston Water in Yarmouth (1m, good to firm) maiden. GREAT HALL

1 (5) 030-160 CAROMISH 17 (CD,F,G,S) (J Pitt) M Usher 5-10-0 M Wigham 6-99
2 (4) 00-5152 MARTINOSKY 12 (CD,F,G) (D Clark) W Wightman 6-99 J Williams 90
3 (0) 054300 JUDGEMENT CALL 8 (D,F,G) (Sprint Recing Ltd) P Howling 5-96. J Pield 88
4 (3) 00-0021 SHIKART'S SON 9 (CD,F) (A Spurgo) J White 5-96 (7ex) P Robinson 87
5 (2) 00-0502 RESTORE 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs L, Philipotr) R Vocaspuy 9-90 S Davison 90
6 (1) 3-00544 THREE LUCKY 9 (R Butby) M Usher 4-7-11 D Biggs (3) 88
SETTING: 2-1 Martinosky, 11-4 Shikart's Son, 7-2 Restore, 6-1 Judgement Call, 8-1 Three Lucky, Caromish.

FORM FOCUS

4.40 PRESTON PARK HANDICAP (\$2,128: 5f 213yd) (6 runners)

# Owners seek voice in racing

A STORMY annual meeting of the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA) came close to degenerating into chaos yesterday as a vociferous minority spoke out in favour of strike action to sort out the

sport's finances. After 60 minutes of criticism of ROA leaders, spiced by derogatory shouts of "rubbish, nonsense and enemy". near bedlam ensued as Terry Lyons, the unofficial leader of the critics, attempted to extend the meeting for a further 45 minutes and so delay the arrival of the guest speaker, Lord Hartington, the senior

steward of the Jockey Club. Peter Jones, the beleaguered ROA president. claimed such a request was out of order, and while the critics demanded to know why, a somewhat startled Lord Harrington was ushered into the meeting, arrended by about 80 members in a

What appeared to be a well organised pre-emptive attack against the ROA hierarchy saw Lyons, from Surrey. make out the case for industrial action by owners in protest at low levels of prizemoney and bookmaker contributions to racing. Earlier he had failed to be elected to the association's ruling

council. "You say to trainers no entries for two weeks and you would have the government knocking at the door and bookmakers screaming their heads off," he said.

Jack Maxwell, a racehorse owner for 25 years, said: "We want to go on strike for one reason: we want bigger representation on all racing's boards because we provide the raw material. Without us they would have nothing. Let's see bookmakers pay for

the training of horses and sniping came after a year race them. Why are we the which has seen Peter Jones only country where owners successfully negotiate the have no control?"

Successfully negotiate the ROA from a position of have no control?"

While the calls for strike action may no; reflect a power with influence. majority view among owners. other criticisms expressed at vesterday's meeting clearly carry substantial weight, notably the owners to jockeys carrying advertising logos. and their complaint about their small representation on the proposed British

Horseracing Board (BHB). Ironically, the volley of

influence without power to

The bad-tempered meeting was hardly the perfect backdrop for Lord Hartington. whose message was that racing must be more positive and stop telling the world outside that the sport was in

"My message today is, for goodness sake, let's try and be positive and recognise everything possible must be done not only to attract new owners and encourage new racegoers, but to sustain and nurture the enthusiasm of those already involved.

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"Confidence is returning to the industry and now it is the responsibility of all of us those who participate, those who support and those who comment - to ensure its revival is sustained by doing everything we can to promote, market and support

#### YARMOUTH

MANDARIN 2.20 Briggscare. 2.50 Daaris. 3.20 Skullcap. 3.50 Annabelle Royale. 4.20 Eternal Flame. 4.50 Riviera Vista. 5.20 Busted Rock.

THUNDERER 2.20 Broctane Grey. 2.50 Daaris. 3.20 Skullcap.

3.50 Annabelle Reyale, 4.20 Thewaari, 4.50 Riviera Vista, 5.20 Chatham Island. Richard Evans: 4.20 THEWAARI (nap). 5.20

Our Newmarker Correspondent 5.20 Busted Rock. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20

DRAW. SF-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 HIGH STEWARD CLAIMING STAKES E2.108. 1m 6f 17yd; (5 runners)

3 LAST OF MOHECANS 33J C Weston 486 . G Bestin 5 4 005 AMERICAN 23/G F.G.J Whetton 685 J Cultur 5 0000 SABOR BOY 25 (R A Red 54 .... B Crossley 3 4-5 Brochine Siey, 7-4 Brogscare, 7-1 Angeliox Park, 10-1 Saucr Boy. 16-1 Last Of Maherins

2.50 FRED ARMSTRONG APPRENTICE

HANDICAP (3-Y-O: 52,049. 6f 3yd) (5) 1 2321 DAARIS 13 (F) D Morte, 98 (Fes) . E Sentiery 2 2 -500 REDIAN ENDEAVOUR 28 (G) R Guest 97 . S Editert 4 3 3045 PORZA AZZURRI 40 (B) Mrs Is because 93 . M Harras 5 4 8804 MASTER HYDE 17 (N) 7 Mortel 84 . . D Chops (S) 1 5 0040 CUARBRAN CAVALIER 10 J Bostok 63 . G Millions 3 54 Dearis, 7-2 Master Hyde, 4-1 Indian Endeavous, 5-1 Forze Azzum, 6-1 Combrein Cavalier

3.20 DENNIS SAWYER SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,245: 6f 3yd) [7] 1 5 JORDYWKATH 12 I Campbell 8-11 M Tebbutt 2 2 055 MISTER BLAKE 20 (8) W O'German 8-11 Enter O'German (3) 1 3 65 SIGNICAP 30 D Morley 8-11 W R Swetzum 6 4 6 ABILENE 85 J Toler 6-6 MB Campbell 8-15 Dels Gibson 7 5 0132 BURISHIN 6 (8.CD.C) G Princhers-Gooden 8-6 D Harrison (5) 3

6 0505 SECRET TALE 9 G Burn 86 . . . . . . . . . . . . J Quinn 5 7 644 SUMMERS DREAM 18 9 Retward 86 . M Roberts 4 2-1 Skulicap, 3-1 Burishki, 5-1 Mister Blake, 6-1 Summer: Dream, 8-1 Apriene, 10-1 Jordywath, 12-7 Secret Tale

3.50 WESTMINSTER MOTOR TAX

INSURANCE STAKES (£3,330-7: 3yd) (4)

6-4 Messari, 7-4 Annabelle Roysle, 3-1 Methanyl, 8-1 Desert Splendour

4.20 LEVY BOARD FILLIES' HANDICAP

(£2.807: 71 3vd) (6)

2-1 Eternal Flame. 9-4 Thewarn, 5-1 Milita, 6-1 Bellainx. 8-1 Coral Flamer 12-1 Swin Star

4.50 TAXINEWS MAIDEN STAKES

(£2,284 1m 3yd) (4) 5 BOLD STEVE 9 L Cumant 3-8-10. J Fortune 1 42 RIVLERA VISTA 313 G WINGS 3-8-10 W R Switchburn 3 93 WART 8-9 B Harbourn 3-8-10 W R Switchburn 3 0 WiNNIE RECKLESS 59 C British 3-8-5. M Roberts 2 5-4 Rovers Vista, 2-1 Wafi 11-4 Bold Steve, 10-1 Winnie Reckless

5.20 HICKLING HANDICAP

/£3.180: 1m 2t 21yd) (3) 1 4022 BUSTED ROCK 25 (CD,8F,F,G) Mrs L Proport 7-10-0 2 0041 ARAK 5 (D.F.) R Amstrong 49-0 (Set) . S Gauthen 3 0511 CHATHAM ISLAND 9 (CD.F.G) C British 487 (Set) . M Roberts.

6-4 Chatem Island, 7-4 Busted Rock, 3-1 Arak.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: J Hats, 4 wroners from 23 runners, 17 4%; G. Wrage, 13 from 82, 15 9%; W.Jarves, 11 from 72, 15 3%; B. Harbbury, 11 from 76, 14.5%; Mrs. N. Macauley, 10 from 75, 13 3%; R. Gaest, 5 from 38, 13 2% JOCKEYS: L. Piggott, 4 winners from 14 ndes, 28 6%, S. Cauthen, 25 from 103, 24 3%; W.R. Swinburn, 22 from 104, 21 3%, M.R. Roberts, S. Strom 193, 18 1%; M. Tabburt, 5 from 37, 13.5%, R. Hillis, 13 from 108, 12.0%.

#### CATTERICK

2.30 Catherines Well, 3.00 Laurel King, 3.30 King William, 4.00 Spring Sunrise, 4.30 Najeb, 5.00 Marabou, 5.30 Quiet Victory.

2.30 Catherines Well. 3.00 Wishing Cap. 3.30 Racing Raskal. 4.00 Sweetings Scampy. 4.30 Hawa Layaam. 5.00 Bandoline. 5.30 Wild Prospect.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 WETHERBY RACING BUREAU HANDICAP (£2,476: 5f) (7 runners) 1 2263 SUPER ROCKY 5 (B.D.F) R Bastumen 3-10-0 H Bestimen (7) ?
2 D1SS CATHERINES WELL 15 (CD.F.G.S) M W Easterby
9-9-107 Lugas 4

2 0130 CATABONICA STAR 3 (CD,F) J Cur 492 (7ex) 5 Morra J 4 0000 SERVOUS HURRY 12 (B.D) M Prescott 4-6 13 G Duffield 6 5 82-4 ROCK OPERA 13 M Neughten 4-6 12 J Weever (5) 1 6 2055 JOVIAL KATE 38 (D) B Elizon 5-6 1 ... N Cartisle 2 7 5-00 DREAMTIME ECHO 10 J Balding 4-7.7 Claire Balding (7) 5

3-4 Catherinas Wet, 5-2 Here Comes A Star, 7-2 Super Rocky, 5-1 Rock Opera, B-1 Joval Kete, 12-1 others

3.00 LAUREL RACING CLUB CLAIMING

STAKES (£2,147: 2-Y-O. 5f 212yd) (7) ( D4 REOT EARSAY 10 E Weymes 7-7 ... J Familing (3) 4 15-8 Weshing Cap., 11-4 Laurel King, 9-2 General Brooks, Charles Reward, 7-1 Boldwile Basin, 12-1 others.

3.30 'GROUP 1 RACING' HANDICAP (£2.511: 1m 7f 177yd) (8)

4 9132 RACING RASKAL 21 (BF.C.F) J Wison 58-7

5 -050 LISALEE 3 (B) J Parket, 4-8 ... N CONDITION 3 6 1-02 KING WILLIAM 28 (D.F.) J Speaning 7-8-3 ... J Loneo 1 7 0054 PEDY BOY 5 (G) W Barket 5-1:3 ... L Charmock 7 8 0-02 SEXY MOVER 17 W Storey 5-7:11 ... S Wood 8 2-1 King William, 11-4 Racing Raskel. 5-1 Northents, 7-1 Sexy Mover, 12-1 War Best, Enfant du Paradis, 18-1 Others

4.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (2.Y-O £2,872-51212yd) (6) O COLONEL PUTURE 12 J Watts 8-7 ... G Duffield 2 906 EJ GUAPO 14 T Fairburs 8-6 ... J Fairburg (3) 1 4 H BIOD 54 M Camacho 8-6 ... N Connortion 8 20 SWEETINGS SCAMPY 26 (BF) M H Easterby 8-4 Basterby 18-4 Basterb

CLIMBRIAN RHAPSODY M H Essierby 6-3 S Maloney (5) 3 5 424 SPRING SUNRISE 26 M Blanchard 8-0 F Norton (3) 5 Sweetings Scampi, 7-2 Spring Sunnia, 4-1 Hi Nod, morian Phapaody, 8-1 Colonel Future, 14-1 El Guapo

4.30 GYMCRAK THOROUGHBRED RACING COMPANY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,646: 7f) (11)

1 215- GYMCRAK TYCOON 286 (F,G) M H Excisiby B-7 M Biroli 11

7-2 Spanish Periormer, 5-1 Allegramente. Hawa Leyaam, 6-1 Gymcrak Tyccon, 7-1 Najeb, 10-1 others

5.00 MDM RACING TERRIFIC TYRNIPPY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(3-Y-O. \$2,245: 1m 4f 44yd) (7) 

11-8 Merabou, 7-4 Clear Sound, 4-1 Mystic Memory, 5-1 Bandoline, 16-1 Medpourne, 33-1 others.

5.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£2,490: 71) (14)

1 5131 BUROBLAKE 26 (CD,F,G) T Barren 5-10-0 2 2544 WILD PROSPECT 13 [CD,F,G] C Tireler 4-9-11 M Birch 4

3 0-03 ARABAT 12 (B,D,F,S) M Naughton 5-9-1 N Cornection 13
4 -445 LEAVE IT TO LIB 17 (D,F) P Calver 5-8-13 J Table (7) 12
5 5416 QUIET VICTORY 10 (B,D,F) Mes L Saddel 5-89
F Notion (3) 3

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS I. Cuman, 8 wenners from 19 namers, 42.1%, B Hills, 12 from 38, 31.6%, G Wragg, 6 from 20, 30%, M Prescott, 17 from 46, 29%, J Berry, 32 from 162, 19.8%, 7 Barron, 20 from 118, 15.9% JOCKEYS: O Pleans, a warners from 13 rides, 30 8%; L Detton, 7 from 25, 25 %, D Holland, 5 from 24, 20 8%; Alex Greaves, 9 from 45, 19 6%, J Carroll, 25 from 141, 17 7%, M Birch, 25 from 170, 15 3%

(Not including yesterday's results)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yarmouth

Going: Irm
2.15 (1m Syd) 1, Kingchip Boy (D Biggs, 9-2 y-law) 2, Bull Moon (9-2 y-law) 3, Pickles (12-1) Coral Flatter and Candle King 9-2 y-laws 9 ren. Mo. Mo M Ryan. Tote ES-40: E7-80. E1-40. E1-70. DF 512-96 CSF E22-40 Trocast E197-71 After a stream'ds engury, result stood 2.45 (71 3yd) 1, Inseyab (I, Piggott, 5-2 y-law) 2 Surrey Racing [5-2 y-law), 3, Lional Legend (15-2) 10 tan 4f Vi P Hastam Tote E3-70. E1-50. E1-80. E1-80. DF 55-80 CSF-S) 58
3.15 (77 3yd) 1, Pizzcarratio (I, Datton, 4-6 fav. Newmarkst Correspondent's also, 2, Beneficial (7-4), 3, Indian Flash (16-1) 4 ran MF Full Erposure 194, 61. Current Tote, E1-60 DF E1-70 CSF 52-36
3.45 (1m-3yd) 1 Kelly's Kite (J) Quart, 12-

\$2.36
3.45 (1m.3yd) 1 Kelly's Kite (J Quarte, 12-1); 2, Trees Are Hard (6-1); 3, Major hor (11-4 law) 9 ran 2'rd hd. H Collingsdoe Tore £13.10, £2.00 £2.20, £1.50 DF £3.60 CSF £92.86 Treest £306.33
4.15 (1m. 3' 10'ryd) 1. The Karaoke King Llane Booge, 11-4); 2, Master's Crown (33-1); 3, Rose Cul (65-1) Talter 4-5 fav 8 ran, \$3, Arley 2, 2'vl R Harmon Tote £4.10 £1.30, £2.50 £3.10, DF £27.30, CSF £59.16
4.45 (1m. 3yd) 1, Shinley Jewell (1, 44.5) [1m. 3yd) 1, Shinley Jewell (1, 4), \$1.50 \$

CSF-159 P6
445 (Im 3yd) 1. Shining Jewel (L. Paggott, S-2 Rav), 2. Ext (7-11, 3. Jokest (S-1), 9 run b), 14 L. Mrs. L. Paggott Total 5160; 150, 0.150, 1200 DF, 27-40, CSF-11794 Theast 559:31 5.15 [Im 8 17yd] 1. Farmer's Pet Q. Dettor, 7-4 law Thunderer's nap) 2. Sharp 109 (15-2 a). Nasee (8-1) 8-na 7, 1/4/. G. Princhero-Gordon, Rewinselset Tate E.200 S.1-30, E200 S.430, DF-512.50 CSF, S13-52 Tripage, 976-53

Warwick Going: good (good to soft in places) 2.30 (71) 1. Masnyr (W Carson, 5-2), 2 Super Seronade (4-11 lpv), 3, Quarrangton

bot 257.50.

Hai (25-1) 3 ran NR Themaam 2, dist R Armstrong Tole 52 70 DF £130 CSF £3 61 13 61
1,00 (81) 1, Bourbon Jack (A Munro 1110) favi 2, Brd Hunter (6-5), 3,
Westfrywoo (7-1) 3 rav 40, 51 J Parne
Tote 12 10 OF ET 40 CSF 52-51
3,30 (61) 1, Respectable Jones (J
Williams, 10-1) 2 Herry's Commo (3-1
taul 3 My Ruby Ring (6-1) 9 ran 50, 44,
G Baiding Tote (11-50, 52-50, 51-50,
S 50 DF 518 30 CSF 525 84 Tricast
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4,00 Cm 20vd) 1, Ellefrzetty (A Murro, 9-

215.25
4.00 (2m 20yd) 1, Ellainzetty (A Murro, 9-4) 2, Atternation (74 lav) 3, Rich Pickings (14-1) 8 ran NR Notable Exception 121 11) R Johnson Houghton Tote (2.90 £1.10, £1.10, £2.00 DF £2.20 CSF £5.49
4.30 (1m) 1, Askanf (N Carson, 11-10 lav), 2, Ghurrah (8-1) 3, Edgesway (100-30), am 14, 3, a Ascan Tote £1.80 DF £4.50 CSF £7.45
5.00 (58.1) Cambrea Snib (1 Quant, 11-5).

5.00 (50, 1. Cambrea Snip (T Cunn., 11-2), 2. The Fed (54 fav.), 3 (De Care (4-1), 4 ran 3), 81 or Box Tote £10 60 DF: £7 20 CSF: £12 45 Placepot: £652.60.

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☐ Amigo Menor and Central City will run in today's Group Three Prix de Ris-Orangis at Evry. The pair, second and seventh in the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot last month, are among nine declarations for the six furlong event. Chris Rutter partners Amigo Menor and Bruce Raymond rides Cen-

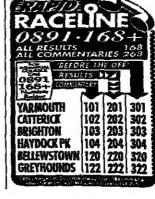
Piggott lands course double

LESTER Piggott's tactical genius soon earned the praise of trainer Patrick Haslam after he steered inseyab to a four-length victory in the Fastolff Selling Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday.

"Lester gave him a beauti-

ful ride," said Haslam, who has had a soft spot for the seaside course since his first training stint in Newmarket. Piggon completed a double

the South Walsham Handicap on Shining Jewel. trained by his wife Susan.



#### FORM FOCUS DIACO Seat Super Mountey %I in 16-number Beth (1m, good) bandcap in October. SOUTHWOLD ARR (2m), PERSIAN, BUD 111/2 6th of 8 to Prince of Darkness or Linguist (4m. 11, Smrt) maiden. OLD COMPADIES 2's Set of 10 to Hamsdryad in THUNDERER' MANDARIN . . . 6.35 Real Stunner. 6.35 Lucedeo: 7.05 Gernini Fire. 7.35 Laughsome: 8.05 Source Of Light. 8.35 Persian Revival: 7.35 Langhsome. 8.05 Source Of Light. 8.35 Storm Venture: 8.35 Persian Revival: 9.00 Sir Arthur Hobbs. 9.00 Sir Arthur Hobbs. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.35 Shahaamh: 8.05 ALPHARD (nap). GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS-BEST 6.35 HOBERT BOWETT FOR SAAB HANDICAP (FZ. SZZ: 51) (5 runners) 1 (4) 1480-00 SIZZIING SAGA 14 (D.E.S), I/ Abelt) J Berry 4-9-13 J Carrolt 97 2 (6) 210400- GEMINE PRICE (C.D) (F McAlabod) JF Naughton 3-9-9 J Weatwer (5) 51 3 800000 LETSSECNESTABOUTH 5 (B.CDLES) (5 Ryonal Van Nithignahu 6-9-5 Data McKeoner (6) 6 200000 LETSSECNESTABOUTH 5 (B.CDLES) (5 Ryonal Van Nithignahu 6-9-5 Data McKeoner (7) 50-1001, LONE LAZZ 8 (C.D.E.G.S.) 7 Samp 7 Samp 7 Samp 4-4 K Darlay 85 5 (7) 11039-L TANSO TIMES 32(DFS) (F Gardy), N Theire 9-4-4 R Contains 97 6 (2) 010012 ERGSECY DAY 8 (D.S.F.A.S), Mary J McKeoner 6-6-12 T Chica 95 6 (3) 240-000 LANGTONIAN 14 (D.G) (F Poblish 1 Berry 3-12 Letthbounestabouth, Love Jazz, 7-1 General Fine, 16-1 Langtonian. 1991; NEVER 60 SURE 3-8-4 D McKeoner (9-2) Mrs J Ramadom 10 cm. 1991; NEVER 60 SURE 3-8-4 D McKeoner (9-2) Mrs J Ramadom 10 cm. 7.05 SAAB MANCHESTER CLAIMING STAKES (#1,580; 61) (7 runners) 1991; NEVER 60 SURE 3-8-4 D McKeewn (9-2) Mrs J Ramaden 10 ran 7.35 ANDERSON MOTORS OF STOCKPORT MAIDEN STAKES 1 (5) CUTILEAE (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jervis 5-11. 2 (3) FARAN (H-ANNaktoun) H Thomson Jones 6-11. 3 (4) 2 LAUGHSONE 29 (Shalich Mohammand) J (Seaden 6-11. 4 (1) SHAHAAMH (H-A Maktoun) H Thomson Jones 6-11. 5 (2) TAJFERS (H-AS) B Hembury 6-11. 5 (2) TAJFERS (H-AS) B Hembury 6-11. 5 (4) SHAHAAMH (H-AS) B Hembury 6-11. 1931: HONSYCHURGH 8-11 L Detroit (6-1) L Cumani 13 nm (3-Y-O Rillies: £1,876: 1im 2f 120y0) (5 runners).

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who finished a head in front of Crystal Spirit when the pair were third and fourth behind Nomadic Way in the stayers' hurdle at Cheltenham in day. His opponents include Ubu III. | March.

# England awaits return of the prodigal batsman



o cricketer in Eng-land, and possibly in mands such unshakeable af fection as the 35-year-old bachelor who today returns from enforced hibernation to resume his natural habitat on a Test match stage.

The sporting public, with s few exceptions, has loudly and bitterly bemoaned his absence since England cast year. Today they rejoice and. come this evening, David Gower could have the statistics to match his extraordinary

Simply by playing at Old Trafford, Gower becomes the most capped Englishman. Simply by batting, he becomes the first man to play 200 Test innings for England. And by scoring 34 runs, simply or scratchily, he will surpass Geoffrey Boycott's record of 8,114 and become the most prolific of all England

Someone asked Gower yesterday if he felt he had underachieved. Briefly, an eyebrow shot up quizzically. Was this a

laved Mandad . 114

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C H Lloyd ..

South Africa

West Indies

David Gower resumes his Test career against Pakistan at Old Trafford today likely to play the same instinctive way,

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, reports

question to set before a man about to crest so many un-scaled peaks? A moment's thought told him it was.

"I think most people would be happy with what I have achieved." Gower said con-templatively. "But yes, there is scope for thinking I should have done better." He might have said the

same thing at any stage of his Test career. It stretches back over 15 English summers and Gower is essentially no different now to when he started. He is still as likely to pull his first ball for four as he is to be caught off the last ball of a It is this wilfulness, this fallibility that endears him to

the public as, periodically, it infuriates his captains and

He plays by instinct. Always

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has done, always will do. When the divine gifts of touch and timing are in full working order, he is the best player of his generation; when they fail him, few can look more vulnerable

His peers accept this now, not least Graham Gooch, the England captain. Yet the Gower approach remains an enigma. Gooch went public on a view that Gower has had an anitude problem counter-productive for both the individual and the team. If the public baring of his soul was Gooch's way of reactivating a power supply in need of a new use, it has worked

Gower has earned his recall by weight of runs in county cricket, something his greates admirer might not have backed him to do. But has it changed him? Of course not.

nial in their misguided dog-ma. One insists that he is ambivalent to his profession. Another has it that he is a natural extrovert. A third declares him to possess an envi-

ably serene temperament. Though all are untrue, they share a catalyst. Gower has habitually erected a veneer to conceal his deeper emotions. shyness, insecurity and even a simmering temper, known only to the few who have done more than scratch the diamond-hard surface of the

Many expressed surprise when Gooch admitted that he knew Gower no better now than when they first toured together. But the captain is far from alone in failing to fathorn the inpenetrable depths of the

Gower personality.
Gower knows a great
number of people. Very few
really know him. For friends, he frequently locates those of similar celebrity status — Gary Lineker, Rory Bremner, Den-

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He has overcome much with a sense of humour, frivolous 21 times but nonetheless attractive for that. Even amid the shyness of his first, teenage outings as twelfth man with Leicestershire, he added a gin and tonic to the drinks tray and managed to slip it to his esteemed captain, Raymond Illingworth.

behind a wheel long before he infamously sank a hire car in the semi-frozen take at St Moritz. His first vehicle was a 15-year-old Ford Anglia, which his parents had lovingly transported back from Africa. It lasted three months before the boy David wrote it off in a ditch. He acquired a Mini, of similar vintage, and blew it up within a week.

His rare public excesses have nonetheless been memorable. He smashed down his stumps against the 1979 Indians and his usually admirable dealings with the media have faltered angrily when he left a BBC interviewer with an empty microphone and when he walked out on what he considered an inquisition at Lord's.

If all of this seems at conflict with his solitary pursuit of art and photography, it is because he is a main of contradictions, superficially tranquil and compartmentalised yet periodically stormy and intolerant. He likes the country but seeks the city; similarly, he is a private person who has never

enjoyed being alone. He will be far from alone today. On the one English Test ground where he has never made a century, and where he was distraught and close to resignation when last he played there as captain in 1989, Gower will have a crowd willing him, as one, owards the run record.

Up in the television commentary box, Boycott will probably be telling the viewers For Gower, though, it would mean not an end but a new day: "It is conceivable there are some good years still to that was as good as a declara-

Two wickets provide welcome encouragement for Fraser as he continues long struggle to recover from injury

All countries

# tricky equation

MAIDSTONE (second day of three): Nottinghamshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 246 runs behind

IN POOR light the Nottinghamshire batsmen were made to struggle yesterday when play was again badly disrupted by passing rainstorms. Tim Robinson, who grafted solidly for two-and-a-quarter hours, managed to defy the Kent bowlers before, with Nottinghamshire 113 for three, the light worsened and brought a

premature close. It gave Robinson and Benson, the two captains, an early chance to start their negotiations on how to try and get a result today. The match has already lost 93 overs and the local forecast remains unset-

Robinson came in when Broad was held at gully from Igglesden's fourth ball. Pollard was caught at square-leg in the sixteenth over when he tried to pull Ellison, who bowled at his tightest.

Johnson was the only batsman to show much confidence drive.

against the seam bowlers. When Davis bowled, though, he was caught behind as he tried to cut in the left-arm spinner's third over.

Kent's first innings meandered along between the rain interruptions, their last five wickets added a further 48 in 20 overs, which was in sharp contrast to the commendable urgency they showed the pre-

Captains these days - particularly if they have been put in - feel under no obligation to declare once maximum batting points have been obtained. This still applies irre-spective of how badly a game has been hit by the weather. Collusion at some point was always inevitable on such a placid pitch and removed the need for other initiative. Before covering, of course, the pattern would have been vastly

Cairns bowled with great heart in the unhelpful conditions and finished with five for 75. From his first ball of the day. Cairns had Fleming held at extra cover from a mistimed

#### Benson left facing Middlesex bowlers keep the Capel predicts end Oxford in champions on a tight rein

its festive appeal. behind Middleser

RAIN is proving to be the scourge of the last of one of the best attended of festival weeks. In such play as there was, the county champions, shorn of several of their best players. had a struggle to make anything of their first innings. Since they lead the Britannic Assurance championship. they can expect few favours

from the opposition today. finish can be engineered, captains having perfected the art of creating a contest on the last day that bears scant resemblance to what went before. three or four and sometimes five lights were shining on the

Still, no doubt some sort of It was the kind of day when

scoreboard lightometer - con-

Essex v Middx

ILFORD (second day of three) Essex, with four first-knungs wickets in hand, are 90 runs behind Middlesex

MRDDLESEX: First Immas

BOWLING, fort 17-3-75-2, Andrew 15-3-49-2. Topley 32-10-67-4; Waugh 10 4-1-44-1; Childs 18-2-28-1.

M C Ros, S J W Andrew and J H Childs to

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-100, 3-122, 4-135, 5-135, 6-145

**Kent v Notts** 

MAIDSTONE (second day of three) Not-inghomshire, with seven hist-minings wide-ets in hand, are 246 runs behind Kent KENT: First Innings

Bonus points Essex 5, Mindesex 5 Umpres: B Dudieston and D J Consi

ESSER: First finnings \*P J Prichard c Brown b Fraser .

Quite the best cricket came

in the morning. First, Carr while wickets fell about him.

For a while, Essex batted in like manner. Prichard and Knight, an unlikely opening pairing, began with 62, the acting captain pulling Fraser into the netting that acts as a bulwark to the Valentine's Park bowling green. When Knight went, shouldering arms to Taylor, Waugh came in and picked out advertising signs as imperiously as

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-6, 2-71, 3-132, 4-170, 5-275, 6-311, 7-317, 8-332, 9-342.

BOWLING Carns 29-7-75-5. Evans 33-5-117-2 Pennett 13-2-65-1: Crawley 5-0-29-0: Field-Buss 9-0-65-2.

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-4, 2-44, 3-104 Bonus points: Kent 5, Notenghamshire 4 Umpires. J H Hampshire and N T Plews

Total (3 wide, 36 overs) ..... 113 C L Carns, M A Crawley, K P Evans, 18 N French, M G Field-Buss and D B Pannett to bat.

Sussex v Hants

Gatting had done on Tuesday. Alas. as with Gatting this was an innings that was all too brief. Fraser is more satisfied with his lengthy recuperation from injury than might be evident to the bystander, and he earned the wickets of both Waugh and Prichard, one taken at second slip and the other at the wicket. After that, the middle order became ensnared by spin, Emburey making one splendid catch off

Lewis, in his first championship innings of the season, took 28 overs to make his first dozen runs. He was egged onto better things by Topley, who encouraged him to have a free hit at a ball that slipped from Tufnell's fingers. When it went for four, the scowls from Gatting et al were a sight to

# to years of waiting

□ David Gower needs 34 runs to become the leading English run-scorer in Tests and best Geoffrey Boycott's total of 8,114.

Boycott opened the batting in all but one of his 108 Test matches. Gower has batted in every position from one to seven for England.

☐ During Boycott's Test career, England played 172 Tests. He did not play in 81 of those, including 30 during a self-imposed exile between 1974 and 1977. Gower has missed 33 of the 148 Tests England have played since his debut on June 1, 1978, including 16 of the 24 Tests in which Graham Gooch has been captain since successing Gower at the end of the 1989 series against Australia.

☐ Boycolt captained England in four Tests, winning one, losing one and drawing two. Gower was captain in 32 Tests, winning five, losing 18 and

☐ Gower reached 1,000 and 2,000 runs in fewer Test innings than Boycott, but took longer to move to 8,000. Gower: 1,000: 20th innings; 2,000: 51st; 3,000: 78th; 4,000: 100th; 5,000: 127th; 6,000: 147th; 7,000: 172nd; 8,000: 195th; Boycott: 1,000: 27th innings; 2,000: 53rd; 3,000: 78th; 4,000: 95th; 5,000: 115th; 6,000: 141st; 7,000: 165th; 8,000: 190th.

By Geoffrey Wheeler

COULD this be the season in which Northamptonshire win the county championship for the first time? David Capel.

their former England allrounder, certainly thinks so. After completing his first century for nearly two years, against Surrey at the Oval yesterday, Capel said: "This is the best-balanced side I've played in since I joined the county. We have good variety in our attack and, if we can. steer clear of injuries, then we

have every chance." Northamptonshire, who began the match against Surrey 11 points behind the leaders, Essex, gained maximum batting points thanks to Capel, who hit 14 fours and shared the day's honours with Martin Bicknell, who took all four wickets to fall before Northamptonshire declared at 312 for eight. Bicknell ended

with six for 107, his best of the

before rain intervened and, on such a good betting pitch, the Northamptonshire bowlers will have a difficult task to justify Capel's confidence in

Hampshire, who led the table for a month before giving way to Essex, lost another 69 overs to the weather against Sussex at Arundel where Kevan James, with his seventh half-century of the season, took the only real satisfaction from what play was possible, as Hampshire

struggled to 271 for nine. They missed a third batting point on a pitch so low that when Stephenson hit Maru on the helmet, it was hard to decide whether he deserved a medal for effort or criticism for bowling short at the Na. 10.

M.E.D.Jerrett, S.W.Johnson, C.M.Plohes, M.Pauraon and fM.B.Ablington to bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-11, 5-24, 4-25.

Umples: J D Bond and V A Holder,

No play yesterday

DERSY: Gloucesterninie 202 for 7 (G. D. Hodgson 50) v Derbyshire.

# total command

BY JACK BAILEY

Surrey made 62 without loss . LORD'S (second day of three): Cambridge University, with six fust-innings wickets in hand, are 156 runs behind Oxford University

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THE day, what there was of it only 23 overs were bowled - belonged to Oxford, A brisk half hour's batting after a delayed start, hostile bowling from Gallian and Jeh between stoppages and the sharp reflexes of those forming the cordon behind the wicket placed them in a position of great strength.

Cambridge, at 26 for four, were battling for their lives when play was abandoned for the day at 4.30pm. More than a day's play has now been lost. Only one remains:

If a determined approach to the task in hand were, of itself. enough to win matches, you would still have to be backing Oxford in search of quick runs after an hour's delay first thing, they managed to add 29 at a run a minute before Lovell declared.

In the next phase Oxford's two Australian fast-medium bowiers obtained bounce and movement from a Lord's pitch showing more life than any they can have seen all season. Gallian hopes to play for Lancashire. On this evidence his prospects should be good.

Bowling from the pavilion end, he removed Hooper with his second ball, aided by steep lift and a sharp catch by Montgomerie at second slip. Gallian also accounted for the obdurate Jones with a nigh

unplayable ball.

Jeh's finid action and high delivery produced the bounce to get rid of the dangerous Crawley to a cauch in the guily and Wight at third slip.



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#### By Ivo Tennant ILFORD (second day of three): ditions, in other words, in which even liford Week lacked Essex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 99 runs

scored his first century since 1989 — his planned swansong in the game — Headley, Fraser and Taylor did not stay. Surprisingly, Tufnell did. Having made 77 overnight. Carr completed his century with his sixteenth four, hooked off Waugh.

his own bowling and picking up another off Tufnell at gully.

# YESTERDAY'S FIRSTELLASS SCORES LANS K.D. James C. Groenfield b Hamslord "M.C.J. Nicholas c. Smith b Salphere J.R. Wood c. Smith b Henslord M.D. Mershall c. Moores b Pigott J.R. Payling Ewe b Nicht R.P. Parks b Donelen S.D. Udel c. Stephenson b North R.J. Mars not out C.A. Commor not out

Edras (b 4, b 9, w 1, nb 6) .... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-46, 8-83, 4-145, 5-177, 8-177, 7-216, 8-230, 9-246. SUSSED OM Smith; JW Hall, N Jumbens, 
"A P Wells, K Greenfield, F D Stephenson, 
the Moores, A C S Pigott, J A North, B T P 
Donelan and A R Harsbord. 
Borus points: Susser 4, Hampehire 2. 
Umpires: J C Belderstone and G Sharp.

Surrey v Northants

ARUNDEL (second day of three): Hemp-shire heve scored 271 for nine wickets against Sussex HAMPSHIRE: First brokes C Middleton a Moores D North ....... P Terry a Smith b Hansford ......

FODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET Third Comhill Test metch 11 0, 90 overs minimum Britannic Assurance county championship (1).D. 110 overs (TE DERBY: Derbyshire v Gloud ILFORD: Essex v Micclesex MAIDSTONE: Kent v Notunghamshire tersture THE OVAL: Sunsy v Northamptor ARUNDEL: Sussex v Hampstire University match (110 to 5.30 or 6.0) LORD'S: Oxford v Cambridge
MINOR COUNTES CHAMPIONSHIP:
Norion; Staffordshire v Noriols
AAPID CRECETUNE SECOND XI
CHAMPIONSHIP: Eppelators: Durbon xi Somerset. Bournemouth: Himporare - Glamorgan. Southgate: Middleser. v Detoyshan Ouncle School: Northernpion-shre v Lancesters Trant Bridge: Nothernshre v Glaucastershre. Hove: OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: England under-21 v United States under-27 (Bishem). POLC: Cowdray Gold Cup, British Open (Cowdray Parly, Cheshire Champion Cup (Dubon): Cremoster Chempion Cup

rese (10 0, rab 11) ... Total (8 wids dec. 95 overs) JP Taytor and N G B Cook did not bet.
FAIL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-88, 3-94, 4-180, 5-282, 8-305, 7-805, 8-312.

BOWLING- M P Bicknetl 30-5-107-6; Benjamin 22-3-83-0; Robbitson 5-0-20-0; Kendrick 18-5-44-1; Boiling 21-4-49-1. SURREY: First Imings

D J Bicknell retired huit \_\_\_\_ P D Alidns not out \_\_\_\_ G P Thorpe not out \_\_\_\_ Extres (b 2, nb 1) Total (no viki) .... "M.A. Lynch, D.M. Werd, J.D. Plobinson, N.M. Kendrick, tN.F. Sergeert, J.E. Benjamin, M.P. Bicknet, and J. Bolling to ball. Bicknet, sond J. Bolling to ball. Bicknet, points: Surrey 3, Northeraptonehire v. Umpres: J.H Hents and R Julien. University match

Oxford Univ v Camb Univ LORO'S (second day of three): Cambridge with six first-innerge wickets in hand, are 15 runs behind Colord CREPORD UNIVERSITY: First trainings

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A C Storie c Johnson b Hooper
G B T Lovel c Cassley b Pischer
C L Keey by b Pearson
H R Devise lbw b Abington
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D Anderson on out Exercis (b 15, lb 11, w 6) .... Total (7 wkts dec) 1C J Townsond and B S Wood did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-21, 3-35, 4-86, 5-130, 6-149, 7-166. BOWLING Johnson 18-4-88-3; Pilicher 17-5-38-1; Permon 14-4-87-1; Hooper 5-2-5-1; Wight 11-5-14-0; Abrington 2-1-2-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV: First Innings A M Hooper of Montgomente b Gallien
G W James of Townsend to Gallien

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RAPED CRECETLINE SECOND X2
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65). No pisy yesterday: Sauthey; Kerrt 183.
Warnicative 28-0. Winrocester: Worcestershire 282 (P. 8 D'Oliveira 113, A.C. H.
Seymour 62, A.P. Grayeon 4-65); Yorkshire
54-1. Trent Bridge: Notifinghernerine 219-8
(M Secelby 72, M. P. Downan 51, J.) T. C.
Vaughan 6-82, V. Gloupstlentive. Howe:
Essez 233 (M Divers 91), Sussex 251-5 (C.C.
Renty 91 not out, R. Harliey 69).

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McGinley enjoys golf with French flavour

# Rocca sets early pace ahead of lurking Woosnam

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS-GOLFCORRESPONDENT, IN MONACO

COSTANTINO Rocca, of It the ball hit a tree and and the rain to lead the Monte Carlo Open after a first round of 64, five under par, at Mont Agel here yesterday.

Rocca, whose best finish in Europe in ten years was runner-up in this event in 1990, eathered five birdies and he eads by one stroke from Paul

Ian Woosnam, the defending champion, and Manuel Pinero were among those to

McGinley, who played in the Walker Cup last year, has missed more half-way cuts than he has survived in his first year as a professional. Even so, he appears to be enjoying the French section of the Tour. He followed his sixteenth-place finish in the Lyons Open by taking twelfth lace in the French Open.

He gathered six birdies, including four during an outward half of 31 when he played his best golf. The irishman, however, saved his best shot for the 15th, where he played a delicate running pitch shot of 75 yards from under a tree to within four feet of the hole. McGinley not only made that putt, but he also coaxed home another of

10 feet for a birdie at the next. Woosnam nearly hooked his opening drive off the face of the golf course. "It was going so far left, I thought I might never see it again, but

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Olympics, said the government

would pick up three quarters

of the bill. The department of

Rughy league: Andy Greg-ory, the Wigan and Great

Britain scrum half, who was

flown home from Australia

when injured in the first Test

at Sydney, has been placed on the transfer list after refusing

a new contract. For the third

test at Brisbane tomorrow.

Melbourne last Friday.

Skelton beaten

Solent sort-out

Savoy would pay the rest.

Gregory for sale

bounced back into play," he

He dropped a shot at the hole but recovered with six birdies altogether. Ironically, what delighted him most was the fact that he was hitting the ball from right to left again. It is the shape of shot he favours and the one he wants to have in his bag for the Open at Muirfield.

Pinero achieved the last of his nine European tour wins in 1985. He was responsible that year for leading Europe to victory in the Ryder Cup because Tony Jackim, then the captain, put him out first in the singles. Pinero, who had already won three points with Severiano Ballesteros, obliged by beating Lanny Wadkins.

PineroStarting a family a family changed Pinero's outlook. His first child, Laura, was also born that year and he admits that his priorities

"I had been a professional for 17 years and throughout that time the first thing on my mind had always been to get this little white ball in the cup," he said. Then along came the family and my desire to play began to fade. I find it difficult to play two weeks in a row. I still believe I have the ability to win, tently well, but it depends on

Pinero has finished out of the top 100 in the Volvo Order of Merit in each of the last two years and he is pres-ently 145th. He hopes to improve on that and he demonstrated, by not drop-ping a shot, that he could challenge for the first prize of

He holed putts of six feet and nine feet for his birdies at the 6th and 17th and struck a lovely wedge shot from 100 yards which almost hit the hole for his other at the 13th.

Ballesteros began by chip-ping in for a birdie at the 10th, his first hole, and he also made a birdie at the 15th. But he was forced to fight for his score after taking a seven at the 17th where his second shot left the ball in a tree. He dropped under pen-alty and took another four to get down. Ballesteros finished

Tony Johnstone, who shot 71, and Anders Forsbrand, with a 73, first and third respectively in the Order of Merit, will struggle to survive the halfway cut.

LEADING FIRST-POUND SCORIES (GE and les mines stated): 64: C Rocca (K). 65: P McGiniay, 68: K Waters, I Woomen, P McGroisy, 68: K Waters, I Woomen, F McMarce (Sp.), D Clarke, W Grant, 67: M / Aminez, Sp.), G J Beand, J Sewell, N McAkdiy (Zim), E Romero (Arg.), P Smith (Aust), G Call (Q). 68: B Merchberk, P Waters, Y Kuramoto (Japan), 8

#### **ATHLETICS**

#### Kenyan champions humbled in trials

champions, kick off their Premier League season on SEVEN of of the best runners August 15 at home against in Kenya and the world — all Wimbledon. Liverpool are world or Olympic champions away at Nottingham Forest selection for the Olympic Games after failing to make while Arsenal entertain Nor-wich at the reduced capacity ☐ The International Football the grade in the tris Federation (Fifa) intends to

Nairobi yesterday. The list of failed champions outlaw the growing practice of chibs buying a player and then "parking" him with another team to sidestep reincludes four gold medallists from Seoul in 1988: Paul Ereng (800 metres), Peter strictions on foreign imports. Rono (1,500 metres), John Ngugi (5,000 metres and also winner of the world cross-Olympic Games: Pierre Beregovoy, the French Prime country championship five times) and Julius Kariuki Minister, announcing a Fr280 million (£28 million)

(3,000 metres steeplechase). Three winners at last year's world championships in Tokyo last year were also beaten: Billy Konchellah (800 metres). Moses Tanui (10,000 metres) and Moses Kiptanui

Kriss Akabusi, who will run in the Olympic 400 metres hardles, has pulled out of the grand prix meeting in Stock-norm tonight because of swol-

His coach, Whittingham, said that Akabusi should be fit to run in France on Monday.

Meanwhile all the likely main contenders for the Olympic title in Barcelona next month will contest the 110 metres hurdles in the TSB grand prix at Crystal Palace a week tomorrow. Colin Jackson and Tony Jamen, from Britain, will line up against the three United States Olympic qualifiers, Jack Pierce, Tony Dees and Arthur Blake.

#### Cowdray Park best in classic encounter

TACONES Farm, a four-Great Britain will have the some put together by the same starting line-up as at Spanish poloist Mariano Olazábal, took on Lord Cowdray's squad at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday, but lost 15-Equestrianism: Rodrigo Peson the resumption of the soa, of Brazil, on Special British open championships Envoy, won the international (John Watson writes). These championship of Germany in two well-integrated quartets Aachen yesterday, defeating Nick Skelton on Everest Dolplayed some classic polo, despite the torrential rain. Having witnessed too many highgoal matches this season, marked by too much drib-Yachting: After 15 of the 19 bling, too much monopoly of heats of racing in the Wightlink Royal Lymington the ball, it was refreshing to Cup on The Solent, Peter

watch an encounter in which passing, marking and riding off were the main characteristics. Cowdray Park, more finely balanced than

Tacones, were more dynamic, with each team member ideally suited to his position.

Tacones, pivoted on Gustavo Courreges, of Argentina, had a good first chukka, to lead 3-1; Oliver Ellis, their back was outstanding. But, after Kent and Beresford put Cowdray Park in the lead early in the second, Tacones were mostly on the defensive. Elierston Black beat Pendell 6-5 in the second match.

COMDRAY PARK: 1 C Pestson (2); 2 C Berestord (6); 3 A Kent (7); Back: P Withers (6). CONES FARM: 1 M Obzzibal (1); 2 I Comecq (6); 3 G Courreges (6); Bacic O Elle (5). ELERSTON BLACK: 1 A Ballieu (1); 2 A Certibleso (9); 3 A Pleres (10); Beck J Pacier (3). PENDELL: 1 A Hine (5); 2 I Heguy (7); 3 E Heguy (10); Back: P Scott (1).



#### Sánchez and Sukova prove an effective combination

between them they outplayed

their opponents from start to

Martina Navratilova and

Pam Shriver, back in harness

for the grass-court season, did

not have to engage top gear to

cruise past the hapless Anke

McNeill and Rennae Stubbs

the French team of Isabelle

Demongeot and Nathalie

In the mixed doubles, the

No. 4 seeds, Rick Leach and

Zena Garrison, battled long

and hard before losing 6-4.6-

7, 8-6 to Jonathan Stark and

Debbie Graham. With

Leach's serve letting him down when it manered most.

their campaign was always doomed to failure. Mean-

while, the holders, John Fitz-

gerald and Liz Smylie, only

seeded ninth this year, lost their grip on the champion-

Tauziat

6-1. 6-1 while Lori

WHILE attention was focused elsewhere, the women's doubles seeds were having a field day yesterday as they finished off the last of the third-round matches. Between them, the top three seeds of the day did not drop

Arantxa Sanchez V and Helena Sukova, the No. 3 seeds, waltzed past the No. 15 seeds, Katarina Maleeva and Barbara Rittner, 6-4, 6-2. Maleeva and Rittner are a relatively new parmership, although a successful one, having reached the final at the Italian Open only to be beaten by Monica Seles and Sukova

Against Sukova and Sanchez Vicario, they were also found wanting. The third seeds are an unlikely looking pair with Sukova, at over 6ft, standing head and shoulders above her Spanish parmer. But where one has the reach the other has the bounce and Pugh and Natalia Zvereva 6-

☐ The former Wimbledon champion, Arthur Ashe. working as a commentator for an American television station, never expected to see the All England Club again when he left Britain 12 Huber and Claudia Khode months ago. ASIL NOW also had an easy route past

Aids virus. Four years after his great Wimbledon triumph, over Jimmy Connors in 1975, Ashe needed openheart surgery. The intervention saved his life but when he underwent a second operation in 1983, the blood he received in the hospital was contaminated.

Ashe says that the hardest task was to tell his daughter, Camera, that he was slowly dying of the disease. "We weren't sure how the school and Camera's friends would take it. But the response has been overwhelmingly supportive," he said.

#### **Evidence suggests Graf and Seles** will contest final

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

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IT TOOK Gabriela Sabatini two minutes to end Jennifer Caprian's lingering hopes of revival yesterday. Their match had ended in disarray the previous evening with the Argentinian poised for a place in her third successive Wimbledon semi-final and the pair must have felt like gatecrashers at a stag night as they sneaked onto the centre court, the thin piece of lettuce between two meaty men's quarter-finals. Thin it was 100, Sabatini taking all four points before they trooped off again.

Sabatini, the No. 3 seed, now meets Steffi Graf in a repeat of last year's final, aware that her service - or lack of it at the vital moment cost her the Wimbledon title. She twice dropped her serve one game from the title and there was little sign against Capriati of improvement over the last year. The American had ten chances to

break in the match, but took Graf and Sabatini are such old rivals, victory and defeat is decided mainly in the mind. If the venue was Florida where Graf has lost seven times, Sabatini would be odds-on favourite, but, at Wimbledon, the German has won both times and she has the spur of being the defending champion. Sabatini is the better volleyer, should she care to use one of her most potent weapons, Graf has the better serve. "Serve is important, but I think it will be decided by the returns," Graf

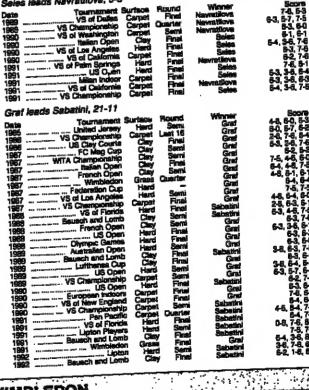
The other semi-final, Monica Seles against Martina Navaratilova, promises an altogether different tempo. The tactics are not difficult to pre-



daring Seles to pass. Despite her pre-tournament promise to volley more. Seles ventured to the net just once in 116 points against Gigi Fernandez in the fourth round. She will not need to change her game today because Navratilova is ever willing to provide a target.

If the 35-year-old former champion's serve does not improve significantly from the quarter-final, it could be over quickly and painfully for those who hate to see a great champion hurt. "It's not like you're going to be boxing or anything where you may get your head knocked off. She hits a ball. I don't play her, i play the ball. I have absolutely nothing to be afraid of. What's the worst thing that can happen to me?" The

question hung in the air.
Navratilova's hopes stem
from Seles's vulnerability to serve-and-volleyers. Her last grand slam defeat was inflicted by Linda Ferrando, a lefthander who, for one brief spell in her career, gave a passable imitation of Navratilova. Navratilova emerged as Seles's most persistent foe last year, beating her twice, but she was left stranded by the force of the the final of the US Open. The hurrah for the old champion, the head, alas, points to a replay of the French final



#### ship as they went out to Jim YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT WIMBLEDON



Men's singles Winner 5265,000 Runner-up \$132,500 Holder: M Stich (Ger)

Quarter-finals

G IVANISEVIC (Cro) bi S EDBERG (Swe), 6-7, 7-5, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 P SAMPRAS (US) bi M STICH (Ger), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 A AGASSI (US) leads B SECKER (Ger), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 3-4 J P McEnroe (US) leads G FORGET (Fr), 6-2, 5-5

Women's singles

Winner £240,000 Runner-up £120,000 Holder: S Graf (Ger) Quarter-final G SABATINI (Arg) bi J CAPRIATI (US), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 Women's doubles

Winners £93,920 Runners-up £46,950 Third round L MCNETL (US) and R STUBBS (Aus) bt

I DEMONGEOT and N TAUZIAT
(Fr), 6-4, 6-4
M NAVRATILOVA and P SHRIVER
(US) bit A HUBER and C KOHDEKILSCH (Ger), 6-1, 6-2
A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) and H
SUKOVA (C2) bit K MALEEVA
(But) and B RITTNER (Ger), 6-4, 6-

Mixed doubles Wenners £46,070 Runners-up £23,030 Holders: J Fitzgerald and P Smyle (Aus)

J Pugh (US) and N Zvereva (CIS) bit JETZGERALD and P SMYLLE (Aus), 6-2,7-6
T WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and J NOVOTNA (Cz) bit K Kinnear (US) and R Fairbank-Nidefter (SA), 6-3, 7-5

7-5
L Jensen and J Capnati (US) bt T
Nelson and S Magers (US), 6-2, 7-6
J Stark and D Graham (US) bt R
LEACH and Z GARRISON (US), 64, 6-7, 8-6 Third round

(Cz) bt M WOODFORDE and N PROVIS (Aus), 6-2, 7-5 PRÓVIS (Aus), 6-2, 7-5
BOYS' SINGLES: Second round: B
Durn (US) bi D J Sanders (GB), 6-3, 6-3, N
Godwin (SA) bi T Harel Ben Smon (tar), 7,
5, 7-5; A Pavel (Rom) bi B Jacob (Ger), 36, 6-1, 6-4; S Ladipo (Nigeris) bi C Halini
(Indo), 6-3, 6-1; A Savolt (Pun) bi A
Richardson (GB), 6-4, 6-4, G Cerraz (Fr) bi
A Draper (Aus), 6-2, 5-4; C Madegan (GB)
bi L Amodi (Arg), 6-3, 7-6; O Tauma (Fr) bi
J Jenkson (US), 5-2, 3-6, 6-4

J Jeckson (US), 5-2, 3-5, 0-4

GIRLS' SINGLES: Second round: M.
Babel (Ger) bit K Gyorke (Hun), 6-0, 6-0; L.
Courtols (Gel) bit A Miller (US), 6-2, 8-0; SA Siddell (GB) bit S Mingmotes (Trart), 6-1,
6-1, L McSheet (Aus) bit P Neison (US), 6-1,
6-4; H Mochizzia (Japan) bit A Laso (Sp),
6-3, 6-3; M. Donoshiro (Japan) bit Alcherovita (Into), 6-1, 6-2; R De Los Rios
(Par) bit J Pullin (GB), 7-5, 6-1; A Sughyama
(Japan) bit E Jeifs (GB), 2-6, 6-4, 8-6; A
Smeshmova (Jer) bit K Takuma (Japan), 6-1, 6-0; C Cristee
(Rom) bit Z Nermissicova (CS) bit L Z Niravene
(Rom) bit Z Nermissicova (CS), 6-4, 6-0; J.
1; A Glass (Ger) bit L Davenport (US), 6-4,
6-2

MEN'S OVER-35 DOUBLES: Round robin: P Flaming (US) and S Smith (US) bt A Americal (India) and Y Americal (India), 6, 4, 8-4; R Frawley (Aus) and C Lewis (NZ)

7-5
MEN'S OVER-45 DOUBLES: Cuarist-final: M Reissen and S Stewart (US) bit A Metrevell (CS) and R Taylor (GB), 6-1, 6-2
WOMEN'S OVER-SS DOUBLES: Cuarter-finals: W Turnbull (Aus) and V Wade (GB) bit P Michael (US) and Y Vermask (SA), 6-2, 6-1; R Casels and S Watch (US) til Charles (GB) and G Reid (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; M Jausovec and O Morozova (CS) bit P Bowries and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (GB) and G Alexan (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres and D Delton (Aus), 8-3, 6-2; F Service (CS) bit P Soveres (CS) bit P Sove

WEATHER: Light showers this morning, mainly dry this afternoon, though remaining cloudy. Wind moderate. Maximum temperature: 23C. 23C.
TELEVISION: 10.50am-3pm (with cricket), BBC2; 1.50pm-4.50pm, BBC1: 4pm-8pm, BBC2 (with cricket), Highlights: 9am-10am, BBC2: 10.20pm-11.20pm, BBC1:

RADIO: 1.30pm-7.30pm, Radio 5. SCHEDULE: Today's play on the show courts will start at noon.

#### Holland, seemed assured of places in today's semi-finals. FOR THE RECORD Sox 8, Detroit Tigers 5; Cleveland Indiana 5, Chucago White Sox 4; Texas Rangers 16, Toronto Blue Jeys 13; Bettimore Orioles 12, Milweutes Brewers 3; Membranda Texins 2, California Angels 0; Celdand Athetica 4, Seattle Manners 2, NATIONAL LEAGUE: Attents Braves 4, San Francisco Glants 3; Mentreel Expos 7, Philadelphia Philates 2; Chicago Cuba 3, New York Meta 1; Philadelphia Prates 2, St. Louis Cardinala 0; Houston Astros 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; San Diago Padres 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

HELSING: Grand prix international (whose unless stated); Merc. 800m; A Servenuis (ft), 1min 45:05eec. 1,500m; N Mercell (Alg.), 334,89. 5,000m; S Frix (Et), 13:13.44, 3,000m stateptechase; A Brahrot (Alg.), Smin 22.51eec. 110m hundes; J Ridgeon (GS), 13:65, 400m hundes; J Ridgeon (GS), 13:65, 400m hundes; J Kucej (C2), 49.82 Shot: W Gunthor (Switz), 20.88m; S, P Edwards (GS), 19:05. Hammer: Y Sedyich (CS), 78.88m, Javelin; S Rety (Fin), 87:12m; 2,

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Malchagina 229, 400m: X Rostropo
(Co), 50.76, 1,500m: M Atraka (Swo),
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31:11.72, Long jump: L Senazreja (CS),
6.91m; 4, Y Idousu (GB), 64.3m. Javelin: N
Shitcriento (CIS), 67.48m.

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Newcastle under Lyme 234-9. 'Denstone 182-4. 'Newcastle under Lyme 247-4 (M. Calclough 127 not aut), King's. Tynemouth 148-4: Reading 131-7 dec. 'Bearwood 132-2. 'St Danstan's 192-6 dec. Severnosks 162-7. 'St Paul's 178-7. 'The Lays 178-5: Saints CC 180-5 dec. 'St Pfetter's , York 182-5: The Common Room 152, 'King's. Rochester 154-2 (M. Walker 103 not out)

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Alex (R. Tebbel, Ger.), 0, 52 52, 5, Ancii
Countryman (D. Broome, GB), 0, 53 60
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Switz), 0, 1 min 9 18sec; 2, Garant (E.
Sarasola, Sp.), 0, 109 56, 3, Gaston (T.
Fuchs, Switz), 0, 1:11 48 Other British
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Whitaker, GB), 0, 1:28 15.

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP: Oceania qualitying group GOLF

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SAUNTON, North Devon: British Universities stroke-play championships: Men: 143: S. David (Bath) 148: P. Ouver (String), 147: N. Barnie (Dundes), R. Naell (Inverpool), 148: G. Conton (Glasgow), 75am; 1, String, 600pts, 2. Glasgow, 610: 3. Dundes, 613: Women: 152: K. Speak (Loughtorough), E. Ratcidfe (String), 153: V. Mehvin (String), 153: V. Mehvin (String), 57 PIERRE, Chapstow: Wilson club professionals: championship: Leading second round scores: 139: H. Stort (Shring) Park), 71, 69, 141: J. Harmon (Bullwed) Foresi), 71, 63 140: G. Gray (Dumines and County), 72, 67. C. Hall (Bullwed) Foresi), 71, 63: P. Harmson (Rewby Grange), 71, 72, M. Thomas (Parkstone), 72, 71

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land slope first? J Bell 21, G Hood 20; E Hanger 23, A Blarr 9: M Sekjer 18, R Corsie 21: A E Thomson 21, A Marshalf 20; A Aslock: 25, B Rattmy 12, D Ward 17, W Wood 16 Wales 117, Ireland 109 (Wales slope first) J Price 21, W Walson 15; D Wikkers 15, P Smyth 23, R Wasla 12, C Davis 23, W Thomas 22, E Parlanson 18; S Wildhire 22, S Allen 13, T Mounty 25, S Adamson 17

HOCKEY UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 4, United States 3 (at Bisham Abbey)

RUGBY LEAGUE WHANGAREI, New Zealand: Northland Invitation 43, Papus New Guinea 26 RUGBY UNION STUDENT WORLD CUP: Group A

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ISPA MEN'S RANKINGS: 1. Jensher Khen (Pal.), 2. C Drilmar (Aus.), 3. R Mertin (Aus.), 4. C Robertson (Aus.), Jehangir

Khen (Pak); 5, B Marim (Aus), 7, T Nancarrow (Aus); 8, R Norman (R/Z); 9, S Elopuro (Fin); 10, P Marshall (Eng). WISPA WOMEN'S FLANKINGS: 1, S Devoy (R/Z); 2, M La Mograin (Eng), 3, R Lamboume (Aus); 4, M Martin (Aus); 5, L Iving (Aus), C Jackman (Eng); 7, H Wallsce (Can); 8, S Wright (Eng); 9, L Opie (Eng); 10, S Homer (Eng)

**EVENING RACING** 

Epsom Going: good to firm 8.30 (1m 41 10/d) 1. Mahfill (1 Ounn, 7-4); 2. Lois (7-1); 3. Crystal Cross (5-4 tev) 4 ran. NR: Kaytak 3, 44, R Akehurst Tole. 22.40. DF: 84.60 CSF: \$10.37. 22-90. DF: \$4.60 CSF: \$10.37.
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7.00 (51) 1, My Godson (L Chemock, 10f); 2. Blasbelle (17-2). 3, Palacegate
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TENNIS 33

# Sampras ends Stich's singles reign

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

THERE was a changing of the guard at Wimbledon yesterday. Out marched the last two champions. Michael Stich and Stefan Edberg, in strode Pete Samoras and Goran Ivanisevic, while a third member of the brigade of past champions, Boris Becker, was still desperately manning the barricades, down two sets to one but a break up on Andre Agassi in the fourth, when the rain finally fell from unprom-

Only John McEnroe, the old commander himself. kept his stripes intact. He took the first set and was 5-5 in the second against Guy Forget after a prolonged debate over the use of Cyclops, the serviceline monitor.

The quarter-finals had promised much and, for once, more than kept their word. The one pity was that the weather intervened just as Becker and Agassi were coming to the core of a rumbustious match, full of invention, contrast and humour. At one point, as the emotions from court one spilled over on to the centre court, disturbing Becker, Agassi dropped his racket and went to the umpire's chair. "Hey, it sounds like a good match, let's go and

His own bubbled along nicely too. The first game took with a cross-court forehand in the seventh game to take the first set. Far from being downhearted. Agassi responded immediately, breaking for a 2-0 lead at the start of the second set and treating Becker's serve with such impish disdain, the three-times champion once stayed on the baseline behind a first serve. Becker was broken four times as Agassi swept through the second and third sets, but was working his way back when the match was called off. It will resume today, first on centre court at high noon, with Agassi leading 4-6,

The mood and the tempo was in high contrast to the first part of what could have been the opening day of a Germany v US Davis Cup-tie. Stich, as he has been all through the ten days of his defence, was dark and tetchy as if fearing the worst from the very first point. Perhaps, having been in Sampras's role as unfettered challenger 12 months ago, he did know what was coming. Certainly, by the end of a 6-3. 6-2. 6-4 defeat every bit as overwhelming and surprising as his victory in last year's final, he had an inkling of how

easily casual brilliance can be turned into nervous mediocri-

ty. "I was killed," he said. All the cares of the world seemed to have alighted on Stich yesterday. He was unhappy with the court - the same one he had strode across foot perfect in beating Courier. Edberg and Becker for the loss of just one set last year - and twice complained to the tournament referee, Alan Mills, about the slippery conditions. "He said I was the only guy who was slipping. I said that if it's not enough that one person gets hurt, that's OK, but it's tough."

More significantly, the explosive excellence of Sampras's backhand returns

matched later by Agassi—
and the solidity and power of his serving, particularly the second serve, were exact replicas of the tools Stich had used to win the title. A dispute on break point in only the second game of the match illustrated the fickleness of fortune. A second serve, swung wide

by Stich, seemed to have clipped the line for an ace, but was called out. Stich protested long and hard to the umpire. Jeremy Shales, but the double fault stood and Stich's delicate psyche never recovered. That break was enough to seal the first set for the American, two more confirmed his growing superiority in the second and when another raking backhand left the champion smiling ruefully at the net and brought the first sign of emotion from Sampras, a clench of the fist, there was no possible way back for the No. 3 seed. At least it was brief. Stich's agonies lasted a mere one hour and 27 minutes.

In desperation, Stich tried everything to stem the flow from Sampras's racket. At 2-3 down in the second set, he stood two feet inside the baseline to receive, a ploy which yielded one of his paltry two break points in the match. An ace, one of only nine, and another service winner, hotty disputed by the champion. ended that experiment. "I think Michael was a little bit off today, not serving that well and I feel I returned as well as

I can," Sampras said. Whether his confidence, which has prompted compariprogress to the US Open title two years ago, can survive an onslaught by Ivanisevic remains to be seen. They have played each other four times, both winning twice, and five out of the ten sets have been



Winning style: Sampras dispatches Stich in straight sets in their quarter-final at Wimbledon yesterday

# Magic ring to Agassi's play

power tennis. Apparently it is a frightfully bad thing. They keep telling me that some thing must be done to control those 7ft-tall axe-murderers who exploit intergalactic technology to wallop 200mph services that no human being in creation can return.

I am a great fan of hateful. expedient tactics in sport. For a start, sports are competitions in which the idea is to win, not to look cool. But it is also true that without ruthlessly boring sport, there can be no miracles. The greater the level of organisation and power and expediency. the more extraordinary are the qualities you need in

pposition

They can be found. Think of Cameroon versus Argentina in the last football World Cup. Think of Brazil v anybody. Think of the All Blacks playing Fiji in the Hong Kong rugby sevens, and getting beaten by ludicrous behindthe back passes. Think of playing the last cricket World Cup: England tried monolithic efficiency and were beaten by the flair of the cornered tigers of



his two-set purple period against Boris Becker yesterday. Without all those sets of wallop-kerbonk tennis from the power merchants, we would not have had Agassi playing out of his skull. Power was met not by flair but by magic. It was a sumptuous pinch-me-l-must-be-dreaming period, the sort of thing you associate with a David Gower fifty. Is this Flair Week in old England. by any chance? Or did the rain come at a moment when Becker had already weathered the

Or think of Andre Agassi in

The serve is the most important shot in tennis: this is doubly true on grass. But it is the return of serve that is the most exciting. Agassi gave one of the greatest exhibitions of service-return you could wish to see: against Becker. on Becker's surface, on Becker's court.

He fed ravenously on Becker's pace and power. The ball came at him like a cannonball and left him like a laser-guided rocket. It was, briefly, sublime stuff: imagine all this from silly old Agassi. with his kittenish ways and his daft clothes and his winsome manners. It was like

Both these players are colossal personalities: Becker, because he cannot help it, and Agassi, because it is his job. The atmosphere before the match was like a pop concert: a double bill featuring Jason Donovan and Bruce Springsteen. No one expects Jason Donovan to roar defiance to the world. No one expeted Agassi to play Becker off the court for two sets.

watching a kitten savaging a

rottweiler.

This was always looked like being a test not of the Agassi ball-skills but of the Agassi vertebrae. He came close to dropping serve with his first game, and did drop in the seventh. It was craven stuff. But after that, a strange

tract and then feasted his eyes

on an Old Trafford pitch

which could, today, make him

On appearance, and on

player reaction, it would seem

that the groundsman, Peter Marron, has produced the fastest pitch of the summer for

the third Test match, starting

today. England's batsmen

may enjoy its virtues of true

bounce, a common feature at

Old Trafford, but they are not

Wasim and Waqar Younis are

doing the bowling. Wasim's future on this

ground had been clouded by a

club misconduct fine last sea-

son. He took such grave

exception that he made his

protests public in an unsanc-tioned book which, by implica-

tion. was critical of the county

chairman and England tour

It was with quiet satisfaction

that the likeable Bennett

emerged yesterday to an-

nounce that an amicable

meeting with Wasim the

previous evening had resulted

in handshakes and a precious

manager, Bob Bennett.

feel very much at home.

he threw away his game-plan and decided that he might as lan Botham at Headingley in 1981, give it some humpty. And in the same way as it

did for Botham, it started to work for Agassi. If you're going to flash, flash hard. Success feeds on success Andre flashed all right: and ascended into a realm of perfection he may never visit again. Becker played well, let us not ignore that. His problem was that Agassi was simply extraordinary for those

He broke Becker four times. Becker must have felt like a marksman at Bisley would if the targets started shooting back. Becker was serving hard and accurately: he was instructed in the difference between good and brilliant. Becker had everything pos-

sible in his favour the technology, the surface, the physique, above all, the power. We must have power, and all the other boring qualities: if only for those rare and fleeting moments when magic is in the air and every ace is trumped.

## Ivanisevic hits **Edberg with** his full force

A YEAR ago, young Goran Ivanisevic looked at a video of himself on court. He did not much like it. "I saw me complaining too much," the 20-year-old Croatian said yesterday. The reconstructed player, who has one of the biggest services of all time, had just defeated Stefan Edberg, the second seed, and champi-on of 1988 and 1990, over

There were two continuous sounds on court one, besides the trilling schoolgirls' vocal exhortation of one or other of two handsome players: the metallic impact of Ivanisevic's racket on the service ball, axelike and irresistible, and the equally repetitive dull thud of Edberg's first service stopping dead in the tape. He was the leopard, gracefully and vainly trying to coercively and of trying to cover every yard of the court, and being put to flight by the rhino. Brute force, in the shape of

33 aces, commanded the day. For the second time in three years, Ivanisevic reached the semi-final, where he will now meet Peie Sampras, one steam hammer against another. Boris Becker, when beating Ivanisevic in the 1990 semi-final, had said: "He has the hardest serve of anyone I've ever played." And it has got better. A total of 105 aces came in five matches when he won at Stuttgart this year, defeating Edberg in the final. Now, too, Ivanisevic is try-

ing to find the temperament that can better support the most fearsome weapon in the game. The truth is he does not have a lot else, if you discount the charm off court. Hisvolleying, sometimes impres-sive, is more often erraric, his ground strokes are largely unexceptional.

are left leaden-footed, often with an awareness of little more than the slipstream as the ball hurtles past into the stop-netting. Edberg was in mething of a daze. Though winning the first set in a tie-break, 12-10, with more twists than an Italian Riviera autostrada. Edberg did not serve severely enough to match his opponent in the grinding game-by-game advance.



Wasim opts for Old Trafford

Always it was the Swede who struggled to hold on, double faults disfiguring his rbythm. Ivanisevic rose as

inexorably as the tide.

"Last year," Ivanisevic said.

"if I hit one or two bad shots. I was finished. Now I am concentrating great, strong in my mind . . I'm in the semifinal again, and I'll fight every ball. This time, we'll see."

The last time, he reflected, it was like going to the cinema. A speciator. Coached for the past two years by Bob Brett, he is measuring his matches more carefully. His motivation yesterday bubbled like a buck's fizz. There were moments when Edberg stood staring at him after another point conceded as though they were passengers in separate. passing trains approaching the same terminus. Edberg's stationary.

"He just bounces the ball a couple of times, then boom. Edberg said, ungrudgingly. Ivanisevic gets on with the game the way players used to: he does not think his style is that fast, more that others are slow. With Lendl, Ivanisevic observed, you can drink a coffee while you wait till he is

ready.

The closing drama of an absorbing match was precipitated by the seventh game of the fourth set, just when it seemed Edberg was down and out. Ivanisevic had break point on a double fault, but looped his next return way out. and Edberg was momentarily safe. Encouraged, he hit a forehand volley, two backhand return passes and an unplayable half-volley to the feet of Ivanisevic to break his opponent's service for the first and only time. Holding his own service, it was two sets

Now, at last, Edberg was confident, moving voraciously, having another break point for 3-2 in the final set. It was not to be; and three games later, a double fault and three net cords flicking the ball away from Edberg's committee stroke gave Ivanisevic the criti-

cal break. Yet still there was suspense as he served for the match and trailed 15-40. No luck for Edberg. Ace, then ace again. Another break point for Edberg, saved by a big serve. An ace for match point, saved by Edberg's glorious back-hand. Finally, Ivanisevic was there, and all Edberg could do was symptomatically toss his



FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa will appear at the Olympic Games in Barcelona later this month after a decision by the African National Congress (ANC) yesterday not to call for a renewed international sporting boycott after the township massacre

The ANC stipulated that South Africans involved in overseas competition would have to wear armbands with pro-democracy slogans while all visiting teams would have to tour Boipatong in sympathy with the victims of the massa-The ANC proviso regarding

peared to run counter to the Olympic charter, in which rule 61 specifies that "no kind of demonstration or political, re-ligious or racial propaganda is permitted in the Olympic areas." The term "Olympic areas" would normally encompass stadiums, training sites and the athletes' village, and a byelaw adds that any violation of this clause "shall result in disqualification and the withdrawal of accreditation." However, the International Olympic Committee is not

expected to object.

The ANC said it would not hesitate to call for the reimposition of the sports boycott, which isolated the country for more than 20 years, if the government showed no movement on demands for faster progress towards democracy. Only international fixtures that have already been arranged, including rugby union tours of South Africa by Australia and New Zealand in August and a cricket tour by India in November, will be allowed to go ahead. The visit of the Cameroon

football team, which had been cancelled by the Cameroon president, is also back on, thanks to an intervention by Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, and following adverse comments from the townships where football is of significant interest. Sydney: Wei Yan, Austra-

lia's leading badminton player, yesterday went on a hunger strike in protest at being left out of the Olympic team. Wei, who was born in China, had been measured for an Australian Olympic uniform and booked on a flight to Spain.

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By Alan Lee Cricket correspondent WASIM Akram yesterday expansively settled his differences with Lancashire by signing a new four-year con-

Muriton.
PAUSTAN (from): Javed Mismidad (cap-lain), Remaz Reja, Asimor Sofesi, Asif Mujatba, Salim Melik, Inzamerhul-Han, Wastim Alemin, Morn (Karin, Muellea) Akmed, Waspar Younis, Aqib Jeved, Shossio Mekarmada. Windows D R Shaphard and R Pakmer.
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signature from the Lord's man-of-the-match, who is now the best all-rounder in the game. The smile on Wasim's face was, however, not such good news for England. Michael Atherton, the Lan-

cashire vice-captain playing his first Test in almost a year. was in no doubt about how the Test pitch will play. "It will be interesting, all right," he said with an expressive gesture of his hand resembling a Concorde take-off. Atherton's return at No. 3.

and David Gower's at five, adds a more reassuring look to the England batting. But with Pakistan one up in the five-Test series, and the pressure growing with each passing game, nobody faces closer scrutiny than the man who drops for the first time to No. 6, Graeme Hick

ly discover that Hick can keep wicket, his next move is out of the side. That, however, is something the England man-agement is desperately anx-ious to avoid, as Graham Gooch candidly admitted

"We have invested a lot of time in him," the captain said. We want him to do well. He has struggled a bit at No. 3 and, although I have not yet spoken to him in detail, ask anyone if he would rather bat at six or not play and the answer is obvious." So too, however, is the

demand for Hick to begin producing before it is too late. Gooch spoke of the value of his spin bowling and fielding but the truth is that Hick hardly ever bowls - even for his county — and cannot hope to keep his place by catching everything at slip.

The encouragement comes from Hick's recent county form and demeanour. On Monday, while all around him were being dispersed by Franklyn Stephenson, Hick made a century of impressive

authority. There might have been mixed feelings within the England camp about his four sixes off Ian Salisbury's leg spin but this was the positive

batting of the pre-England

Those around him at Worcester have detected a resolve to play with his old freedom and, if he can carry that mood into the fray today, it can only be to his advantage, for the cramped and inhibited Hick we have seen of late cannot hope to survive further

England will definitely go in with six specialist batsmen, not least because Gooch be-lieves Chris Lewis "has some work to do" before being equipped to step up from No. 7. This has the effect of minimising the bowling options and, despite their lack of match practice with the ball, both Hick and Gooch himself will probably turn their arms over at some stage during the

The starming thing for Gooch is that he has three bowlers, in Malcolm, Lewis and Salisbury, who, through a mix of inexperience and unpredictability, cannot totally be trusted to out the ball in the right place. For that reason, if for no other. Derek Pringle's steadiness may win him the final place ahead of Tim Munton.

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